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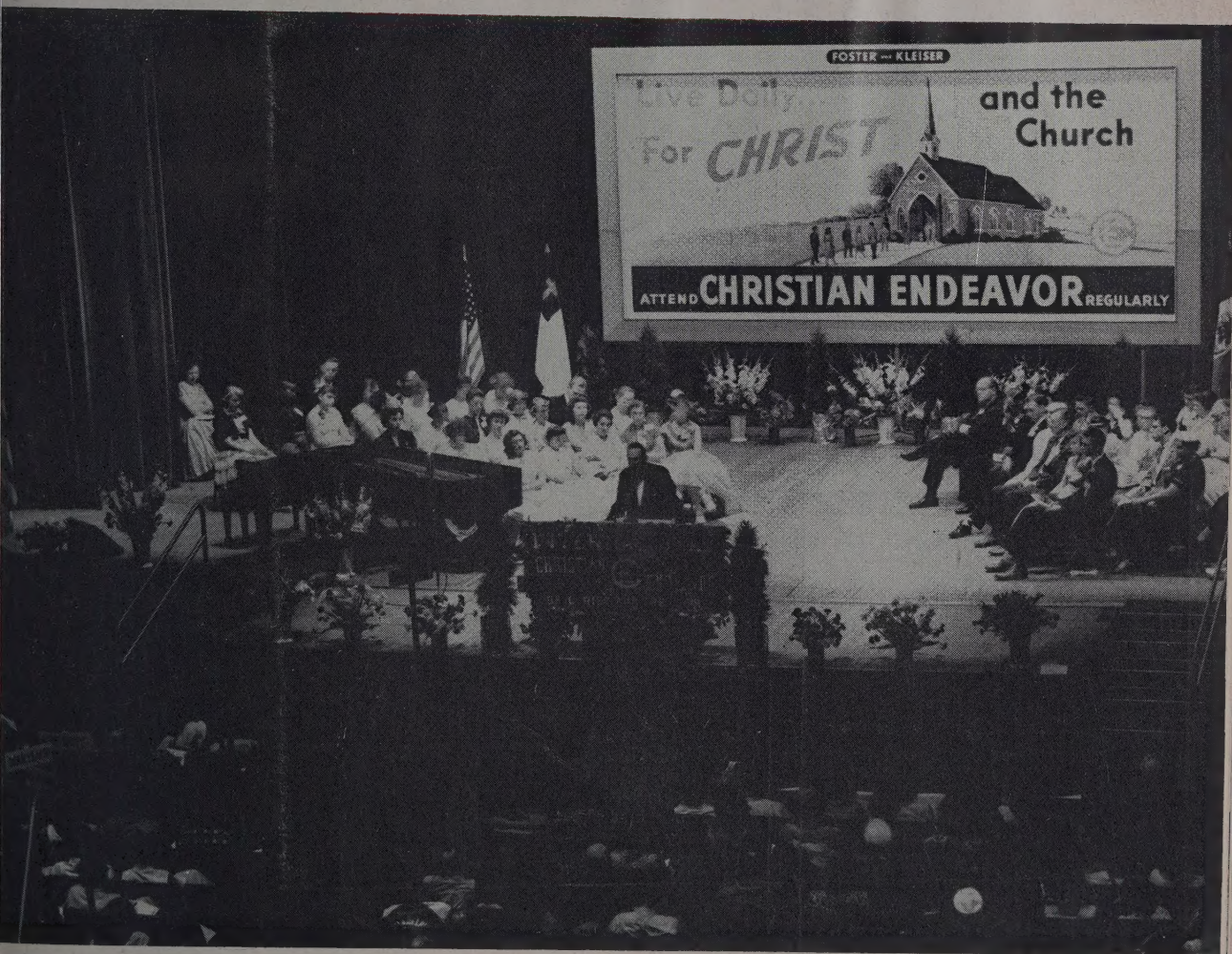
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Dr. Earle W. Gates gives keynote message at opening session of 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention on July 8 in Public Auditorium, Portland, Oregon. The 1958 Outdoor Poster is seen in background, lifting up the new theme, "For Christ and the Church."

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

Christian Endeavor Across the Miles

Wherever you go, wherever you are, there is Christian Endeavor. Stewart C. Black, a member of the Hebron Christian Endeavor Society of the Logie Green Mission in Edinburgh, Scotland, pleasantly surprised members of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of the Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey, when he shared in two of their regular Tuesday evening meetings. An engineer for the Scottish affiliate of Ethicon, Inc., the world's largest manufacturers of surgical sutures, Stewart has been in the United States on business, and following his custom whenever away from home, he sought out a local society in the world-wide fellowship of Christian Endeavor.

Honors to Christian Endeavorers

Christian Endeavor writer Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Geneva College. . . . Educational Committee member and International Trustee William N. Gibson had the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on him at Oakland City College. . . . Carolyn Bryan, daughter of the late International Society president Ernest R. Bryan and of World's Union Honorary Field Secretary Mildred Gott Bryan, of Washington, D. C., received her Master's Degree at Harvard. . . . International Society Trustee John W. Patterson, of St. Andrews United Church, Lachine, Quebec, Canada, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at United College, Montreal. . . . A Lenten Prayer, written by Christian Endeavorer Earle W. Gates, Jr., son of our International president, was published in the Buffalo Courier-Express, having been selected by a special committee as one of the best submitted for publication. . . . Program Council Chairman and Executive Committee member Dr. R. W. Rash, of Huntington, Indiana, was elected to the high office of Bishop of the United Brethren in Christ Church at their recent General Conference.

Christian Endeavor Around the World

St. John's Christian Endeavor Society of St. John's Hall, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, recently celebrated the sixtieth year of continuous service for Christ and the Church. Founded in 1890, it is the third oldest society on the island. . . . Izumi Watanabe was recently appointed Field Secretary for the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor, according to Mr. Kojiro Hata, chairman of the Board of the Japan Union.

Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Program

Beginning with the 1958 effort, Phyllis Rike, secretary for promotion and publicity, has been appointed Director of the Outdoor Poster Program. So effective for many decades, Christian Endeavor's program of highway evangelism represents the combined efforts of a host of local leaders and many poster plant owners who make contribution posting of hundreds of panels across the country and Canada. We enjoy, too, the sympathetic interest of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Hands Across the Sea

World's Union President Dr. Daniel A. Poling, International President Dr. Earle W. Gates, and your executive secretary will visit Europe in August, attending the German National Christian Endeavor Convention in Kiel. Meeting there also will be the Program Committee for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27, 1958. President Poling will make stops in London before returning to the United States. President Gates will visit Youth for Christ's International Evangelism Conference in Copenhagen and will make several stops in Great Britain, Ireland and Wales visiting Christian Endeavorers there. Your executive secretary will be making arrangements for the International Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour of Europe which he will conduct from July 12 through August 11, 1958.

Harold Westerhoff

New Theme— For Christ and the Church"

Youth at Portland Convention Pledge Loyalty to Christian Endeavor's Basic Principles

Christian Endeavor's motto has been elected as the theme for the new biennial program. Launched at the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, the theme calls youth to a new loyalty to the basic principles of the movement.

Young people from the United States and Canada listened to addresses by Dr. Earle Gates, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Rev. Melvin M. Forney, Dr. Carlton C. Buck, Rev. Paul M. Nagano, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, and pledged themselves to renewed efforts for evangelism and citizenship.

Morning activities began with the daily Quiet Hour service conducted by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw. Youth attended 36 different sessions. Arch J. McQuilkin led a sparkling program for general assemblies each day. Denominational, union, Junior workers, and other luncheons and dinners were held. Delegates conducted their own convention on Sunday with many special features.

Most of the sessions were held in the Public Auditorium in downtown Portland. Cecil A. Jeffery of Los Angeles, California, was convention song leader, with William B. Smebye serving as pianist and Lowell Patton as organist.

Colorfully-clad delegates were seen up and down the streets of Portland. Texas gallant hats and cowboy outfits from Colorado mingled with overseas caps marked Ontario delegates. Christian Endeavor jackets, ties, and beanies in their bright red and white colors marked many conventioners.

Key Decisions

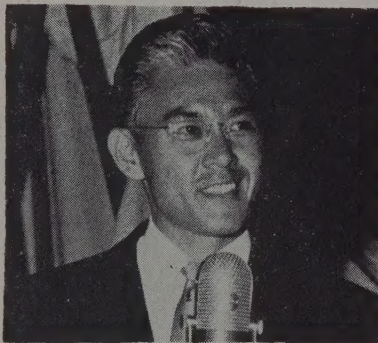
The call to decision was given on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and the need for definite decision was emphasized throughout the entire convention. A total of 48 decisions were recorded, made by 48 individuals.

The Portland story will continue to be written in the hearts and lives of hundreds of young people as they return to their homes to serve "for Christ and the Church."

Called to lead Christian Endeavor International to a new loyalty to the basic principles and to renewed efforts for evangelism and citizenship were Dr. Earle W. Gates (left), president, and Philip J. Kribs, associate president.



Dr. Daniel A. Poling (left) congratulates Philip S. Hitchcock, general chairman of the Portland Convention Committee, on a job well done. Dr. Earle W. Gates and Cecil A. Jeffery are seen in background.



Rev. Paul M. Nagano of Honolulu spoke at convention fellowship banquet.

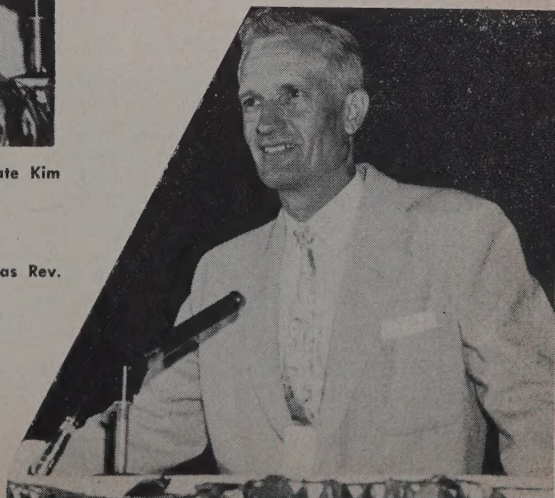


"Loyalty Through Surrender" was the theme of Dr. Carlton C. Buck's message.



Arch McQuilkin greets Korean delegate Kim Bong Sik during General Assembly.

Quiet Hour speaker each morning was Rev. Ellis R. Shaw of California.



Convention Photos by Owen Mossbarger



A typical conference session



Juniors study the Pledge

They Studied . . .



They Were Elected . . .

Dr. Daniel A. Poling installs newly elected officers of the International Society of Christian Endeavor at the convention banquet.

They Sang . . .

Cecil Jeffery leads Hymn Sing

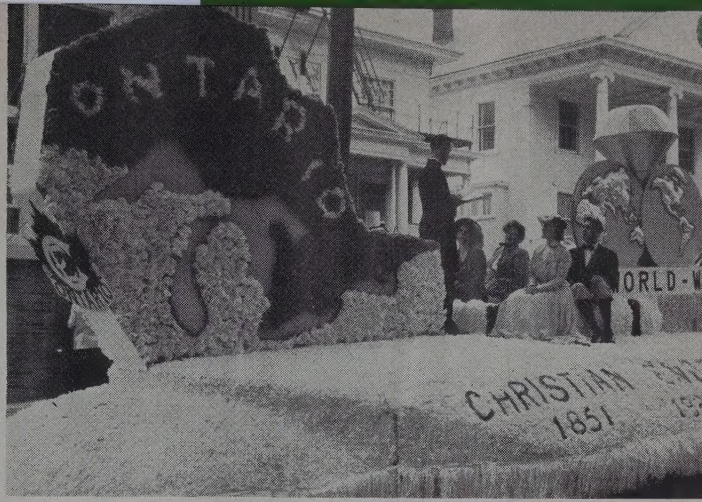


Message in song by Portland Youth for Christ Chorus





Ohio's marching delegation rated first



First place float in parade entered by Ontario

They Marched . . .

They Had Fun . . .

With Assembly delegates had fun, but they worked hard, too. Here Bill Lewis of Pennsylvania demonstrates method to sell subscriptions to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Ellen Heacock of Colorado was top salesman.



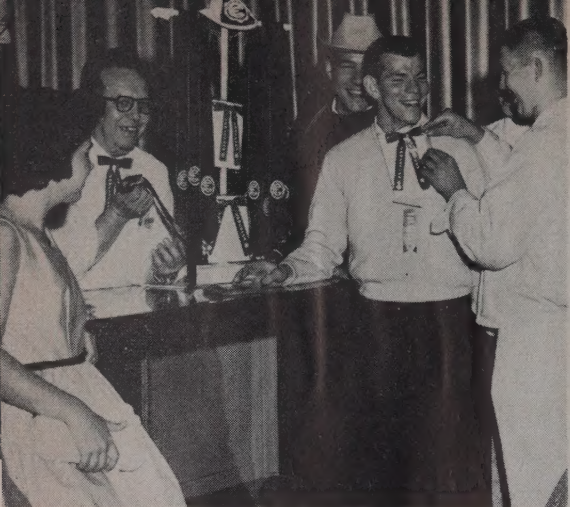
They Were Honored . . .

1957 Citizenship Contest winners receive awards
Robert C. Ross (third from left) gives prizes to top youth



New York State leads in Registration Contest
Harold E. Westerhoff (center) presents award banner





Delegates admire new ties in Bookstore



Endeavorers leave Auditorium after evening session

The Portland Story Continues . .

Advances in evangelism, leadership training, and Christian citizenship are imperative, Dr. Earle W. Gates told delegates in his keynote message at the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

"Despite the need for organizational advance, our first emphasis must be given to the enlisting of boys and girls, men and women for Christ and the Church," Dr. Gates continued, "Personal dedication, personal service, personal witnessing, personal growth—these must continue to be our aims. The Christian Endeavor imperative today is 'Win all you can for Christ, train all you win, use all you train in His service.'"

He told the Endeavorers that "never have we known greater need for the basic principles of Christian Endeavor" and echoed the words of the founder of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Francis E. Clark, who gave the keynote address at the 1925 convention in the city of Portland.

"In his last convention the founder thus gave us the key to success—fidelity to our basic ideals," Dr. Gates stressed. "The day of march has come for Christian Endeavor. It is a growing and increasingly influential army of youth today. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, we promise Him we will strive to do whatever He would have us do. We must be faithful to our historic principles."

Dr. Gates' closing challenge was "For Christ and the Church we march on today, and for eternity."

Dr. Poling Challenges Endeavorers

In his address on "What It Means to Follow Jesus Christ," Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, said, "Christian Endeavor itself is the fruit of evangelism, and is a demonstration of the effectiveness of both mass and personal evangelism. At the heart of evangelism is the great commission and Christ's high command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Implicit in that commission and command is the truth, comprehensive and eternal, that social change, that the Christianizing of the social order, that the new and better world, wait always on new men and new women. Men and women redeemed by Jesus Christ and made new in Him are the new world builders."

"To offset the propaganda of the secularists, the Christian must know what he believes, in whom he believes, and witness to the power of God and His word in individual and cooperative living," said Rev. Melvin M. Forney, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, when he spoke to the delegates.

Dr. Carlton C. Buck, pastor of First Christian Church, Fullerton, California,

challenged the youthful delegates to "Loyal Through Surrender."

At the convention fellowship banquet, Rev. Paul M. Nagano, minister of Maui Christian Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, said, "God's purpose for the universe is revealed in Jesus Christ and as we respond to God's love revealed through Christ we are brought into this fellowship through oneness."

At the closing service there were many decisions following the message on "Challenges" by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Said Dr. Meadows, "The call of Christ is a call of love, a call to review one's life, a call to a commitment, a call to a new principle of life, that of giving rather than getting, a call to new leadership, and a call to a new enrichment of life. The happiest people in all the world are the people who are faithful followers of the Christ."

Diebold Awards Presented

The Albert H. Diebold Awards were presented to winners of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest by Robert C. Reardon, citizenship director. The two top winners were Ellen L. Heacock, Denver, Colorado, and Carolyn Ann Arnold, Dallas, Texas.

Indian motifs were featured at the fellowship banquet. Small teepees dotted the banquet hall and a large teepee amidst pine trees dominated the banquet hall.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the members and leaders of Christian Endeavor assembled in their 44th International Convention, I send greetings. Inspired by a long tradition of faith and work, you can make bold plans for building a peaceful world. In the service of God and neighbor there are unlimited opportunities for future growth.

Best wishes to you all.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
President, The United States





Conference Faculty at Portland Convention

Members of the faculty for the daily "school" at the International Christian Endeavor sessions are shown as follows:
 First row (left to right)—Lowell Patton, Harold E. Westerhoff, Jana Woodman, Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Rev. Robert Hess, Albert C. Ross, Dr. Earle W. Gates, Phyllis I. Rike, Nellie V. Griffin, Rev. Andrew Fowler, Mrs. Etta Berger.
 Second row—Mrs. William B. Smebye, DeWitt Baker, Wanna Sell, Mrs.

Newell Morgan, Newell Morgan, Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, Mrs. Albert Kribs, Timothy J. Kribs, Dorothy E. Howes, Mrs. Carl Herrmann, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Cecil A. Jeffery, Eleanor J. Jones.

Third row—Albert Day, Rev. Melvin M. Forney, Gordon McMordie, Philip S. Hitchcock, Rev. Ernest E. Durham, Rev. Ellis R. Shaw, Julian Moran, Charles O. Heyward, Mrs. Walter Frutiger, Dr. Carlton C. Buck, Rev. Walter Frutiger, Rev. Elwood Dunn.

New York State and Golden Rule unions led in their respective divisions in the registration contest conducted by the International Society. Top honors in Division went to the Empire State, whose registrar, Mildred A. L. Christgau, also was awarded a check for \$25 toward convention expenses. Second place was won by Pennsylvania, with New Jersey, Ohio, and California following in that order. The registrar for Golden Rule, leader in Division B, was Phil C. Reed. Second place that division was won by Ontario, with Kentucky, Maryland, and District of Columbia placing in that order. The first five winners in each division were awarded banners at the convention banquet. Unions marched in the parade according to the way they finished in the contest.

Dr. Gates Re-elected

Dr. Earle W. Gates was re-elected president of the International Society. He has served as president since his election at the 35th convention in Columbus, Ohio. Timothy J. Kribs of Eugene, Oregon, was elected to serve as associate president. Mr. Kribs has just completed a term of service

as president of the Oregon Union, is a graduate of Northwest Christian College of Eugene, and was ordained to the Christian ministry recently.

Vice-presidents elected were: Rev. George L. Blackwell, Hackensack, New Jersey; Allan J. Blair, Passaic, New Jersey; Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; and Julian Moran, Leroy, Indiana. William J. von Minden of Saddle River, New Jersey was re-elected auditor.

Harold E. Westerhoff was re-elected executive secretary and treasurer and Robert C. Ross was chosen to serve again as educational secretary and citizenship director. Phyllis I. Rike, editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, was elected to the new position of assistant secretary during convention business sessions.

Regional vice-presidents named are: New England, Roland P. Blodgett; Middle Atlantic, E. Herman Brackbill; Southern, Marcella Thornton; Great Lakes, LaVerne H. Boss; Central, Rev. J. B. Shelton; Rocky Mountain, Ralph E. May; Southwestern, Mary Moffitt; Pacific, Cecil A. Jeffery; Dominion of Canada, Mary M. Campbell; Republic of Mexico, Daniel Vasquez.

Youth Assembly

James Humphreys of Erie, Pennsylvania, was elected as the new chairman of the Youth Assembly. He has been active in society, county, and state union work. Jim succeeds Vernon Hoffman of Holland, Michigan.

Other new officers include Robert Markell of Denver, Colorado, vice-chairman, and Jean Ferguson of Hamilton, Ontario, secretary. Those chosen to be trustees from the Assembly are: Joyce Schoonhoven, Ripon, California; William T. Lewis, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Ellen L. Heacock, Denver, Colorado; Carolyn Ann Arnold, Dallas, Texas; Carol E. Gates, Derby, New York; Maria Blackburn, Massillon, Ohio; and Johnnetta Jenkins, Chicago, Illinois.

Be It Resolved . . .

Endeavorers passed resolutions asking for personal consideration of the results of using tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and narcotics, "rather than merely following the crowd or being swayed by the high-sounding phrases of the advertisements." The convention urged Christians to accept civic responsibility by voting, making themselves available for office, and standing by Christian convictions when elected, and called for recognition of Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Resolutions were also passed calling for active promotion of the total graded Christian Endeavor program for a rededication to the cardinal principles, the pledge, the Quiet Hour, and the Tenth Legion.

FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

I wish to extend greetings to all the delegates to the 44th convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor now in progress. My wish to the participants is that the Christian principles and beliefs commonly held by our three nations represented at the convention may be further strengthened in their minds and hearts during this important week. May God bless your work.

John G. Diefenbaker
 Prime Minister, Canada

Union luncheon was the occasion for recounting happy memories of the 1925 Portland Convention. Pictured are some of the delegates present in 1925 and again in 1957.



The Portland Convention . . .

As Seen by Youth

Jana Woodrum of Berthoud, Colorado, vice-chairman of Youth Assembly and presiding officer for the sessions each day during the Portland Convention, reports here on the morning Quiet Hours and the Youth Assembly. A run-down of fellowship activities is given by James Humphreys of Erie, Pennsylvania, newly elected chairman of Youth Assembly.

Where Two or Three . . .

"As a minister we have six Christian Endeavor groups and we propose to continue in Christian Endeavor as long as it exalts Christ and makes Him known."

What thrilling words! The speaker was Rev. Ellis R. Shaw from San Diego, minister of the Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church. For five mornings he had been the dynamic leader of the morning Quiet Hour period, when delegates to the great 44th International Convention congregated for a time of quiet fellowship with God.

There he said, "Christianity is a life and death proposition, which demands all. One cannot drop out when the going gets rough. Most of us are afraid of 'fishing' for men's souls because we feel inadequate. Those whom Christ calls, He endues with adequacy."

What Size Shoe?

"What size shoe do you wear?" The scene was First Presbyterian Church in Portland, and a group of harried persons was playing "Rock Around the Clock" to get acquainted. That was the beginning for Youth Assembly—a buffet dinner given by International Society—a party and fun.

But the question, "What size shoe do you wear?" assumed importance as official delegates found themselves on study committees and Youth Assembly had to measure how much it had grown in cooperation and productivity.

At the end of the week (if not before) I am sure most delegates felt they had earned a new pair. The energetic work and effort of the thirty-plus members of Youth Assembly was a wonderfully thrilling experience, and sparkling ideas and suggestions were the result.

I quote comments by International's own Harold Westerhoff:

I think Youth Assembly has finally come of age. I'm all for you.

and the beloved World's Christian Endeavor President, Dr. Daniel A. Poling:

Youth Assembly is one of the most important organizations of International Christian Endeavor.

If Youth Assembly wears size nine it will surely need size twelve next year and by the 45th International Convention in Philadelphia they'll be needing custom made shoes—size fifteen!

Speaking Unofficially . . .

Everything that happens at a Christian Endeavor convention isn't on the program. The unpublishized ingredients are Christian fun and fellowship, for which Portland provided plenty of opportunities.

Teen-age delegates staying at Jennie Lodge had more than their share of fun. Even at seven o'clock in the morning they managed to enjoy eating together in the dining hall and singing together on buses that shuttled them back and forth to the Public Auditorium.

Sports (including badminton, ping pong and horseshoes) dominated the afternoon for those who weren't on tours to the Hood and other nearby places, or just sipping sodas and talking. Before lights out each night an informal hymn sing or bonfire or a watermelon party topped things off, closing in a devotional period. And even after lights out the "bull session" and discussions still went on.

Although the delegation of 32 from Canton, Ohio, and the smaller-but-not-unheard from group of Texas may have occupied the spotlight, everyone had a share in the close fellowship during the six days together.

Advertised as the "fellowship high light of the convention," Friday evening's quiet and outdoor hymn sing turned out to be just that, aided by the Northwest Christian College male quartet and the team of Arch McQuilkin and Cecil Jeffery. General Assembly each morning was just a small sample of this, but even so the people of Portland rapidly became aware of the unique greetings given to Dr. Poling, Dr. Gates, and the faculty.

Even without this planned fun, an International Christian Endeavor Convention would still be a matchless experience, fellowship, just because of the basic unity in Christ. The only question Portland delegates have now is, "How far is it to Philadelphia in '59?"



Miriam G. Shopp and Bill Lewis of Pennsylvania issue invitation to 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia. Here's their message to all Endeavorers:

Hear ye! Hear ye! Great news to unfold!
This message, extended, to you is quite bold.
In the year '59 (that's just two years away)
Philadelphia invites your attention its way
For the International Convention, number 45.
We hope you make plans there to arrive.
A warm welcome awaits you, a wide open door,
Take heed and listen to, for you, what's in store.

To the cradle of liberty, the birthplace of freedom—
The many great buildings, at last you can see them.
Independence Hall, where the declaration was signed
And the place where Tom Jefferson our Constitution designed.
Valley Forge battleground is really near by
A trip to this park should appeal to the eye.
Our American heritage will to you be more real
As a result of your visit to Philly, we feel.

But what could be more exciting to attend
Than an International Convention—the thrill has no end.
The challenging speakers, the message in song,
The experience that remains in our hearts for so long.
For Jesus Christ we'll aim to implore
To challenge your hearts as never before.
So our invitation to Philadelphia again we shall mention
For you to come and enjoy the 1959 International Convention.

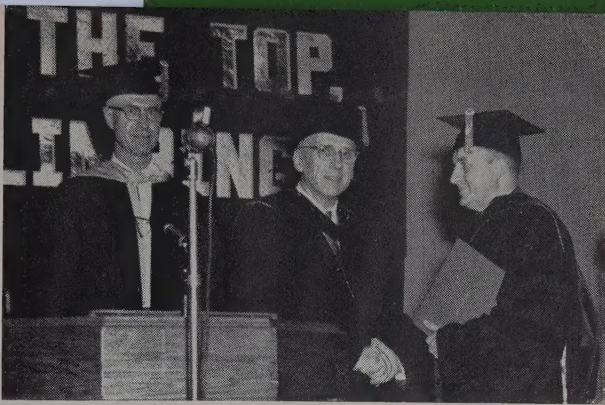
More Convention News in October

The October issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD will carry more pictures and news of the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland. Pictures of the parade and information about winning floats and marching units will be included. Watch for the next issue of THE WORLD.

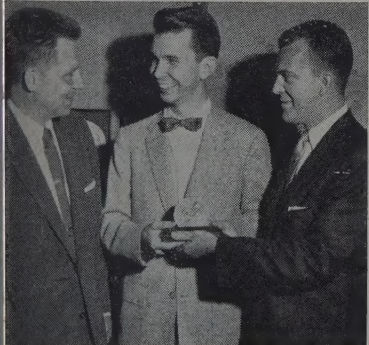
Ernest S. Peterson, church editor for the OREGON JOURNAL of Portland, tells Phyllis I. Rike of his work in covering the 1925 Portland Convention. Miss Rike handled press and publicity details for Portland and is the newly elected assistant secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.



HONORS FOR PRESIDENT GATES—(RIGHT)—Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, receives the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Dr. Elmer Becker (center), president of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, while Dr. C. E. Lange, dean of the college, assists. The degree was conferred at the June 10 commencement, celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the college. Dr. Gates preached the sermon for the theological seminary on Sunday morning, June 9. (LOWER RIGHT)—reception with over 100 Endeavorers and friends present honored Dr. and Mrs. Earle W. Gates (center) on Sunday afternoon at the College United Brethren Church. This event was planned by Dr. R. W. Rash (left), newly elected Bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. (right), International Society vice-president, presented to Gates a sheaf of congratulatory letters from his many friends.



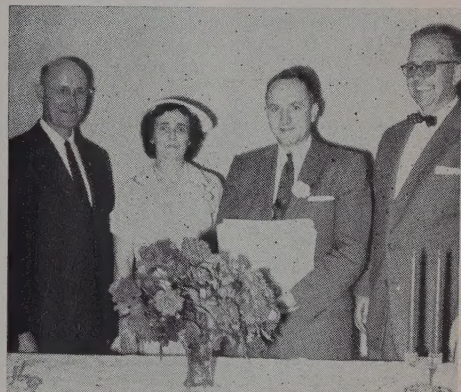
CONTEST WINNER—Wanna Sell, winner of the grand prize in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD subscription contest, receives a check for \$100 from Harold E. Westerhoff, publisher. This award is to be used toward expenses of attending the International Convention in Portland. Miss Rike (right), editor of THE WORLD, is holder of other prizes won by Miss Sell, which included Christian Endeavor pencil, gold monogram pin, attractive Christian Endeavor ring, and a watch. Miss Sell is office secretary for the Department of Christian Education, United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana. Her home is in Oxford, Ohio, where she is president of the Mercer County Christian Endeavor Union.



FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARD—Robert C. Ross (center) receives the George Washington medal from Richard H. Foltz, public relations vice-president of Freedoms Foundation. The award was presented to Christian Endeavor for citizenship emphasis in the Christ Shall Reign program over a Columbus (Ohio) television show on July 17. Chet Long, WBNS-TV news commentator, is pictured at left. Mr. Ross, citizenship director for International Society, urges Endeavorers to make nominations for the 1958 Freedoms Foundation awards. September 17 is the final deadline for sending nominations. Write International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for more information.

C. E. Conferences And Conventions

- AUGUST**
 3-10—Ontario, Chesley Lake Camp (Summer Conference)
 5-9—Virginia, Bridgewater
 7-11—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg (Summer Assembly)
 17-24—Oregon, Camp Adams (Leadership Conference)
 27-Sept. 2—Missouri, Camp Derricotte, Troy (Summer Conference)
 30-Sept. 2—District of Columbia, Camp Letts, Edgewater, Maryland (Conference)
 30-Sept. 2—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Fall Retreat)
 30-Sept. 2—Texas (Workers' Conference)
 31-Sept. 2—Indiana, Huntington (Fall Retreat)
- SEPTEMBER**
 6-8—Ohio, Round Lake (Fall Conference)
 6-8—Wisconsin, Green Lake
 20-22—Maryland, Towson
- OCTOBER**
 3-5—New Jersey, Atlantic City
 5-6—Great Lakes Region, Winona Lake, Indiana
 11-12—Southern Region, Roanoke, Virginia
 12-14—Ontario, Hamilton
 24-27—Indiana, Evansville



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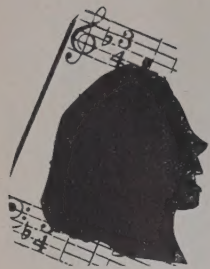
UNDER 25? Then you're eligible to enter Christian Endeavor's 1958 Citizenship Contest. Cash awards total \$1,000 plus two trips to the 1958 Citizenship Convocation. Secure a contest leaflet right away. Contestants will be judged on the basis of "A Letter to My Editor" on the subject "Speak for Christian Citizenship!" and on their Service Record.

OVER 25? You still have a vital part. Nominate some worthy young person in your area. See the contest leaflet for directions.

NEW YORK CITY, July 4-6, 1958—Christian Endeavor Citizenship Convocation. Only \$30 for the week end, including meals, hotel, visits to places of historical and spiritual significance, the United Nations, sight-seeing, and opportunities for worship and fellowship.

For contest and convocation information, write
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With Young Adults



Christians Should Sing

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CHRISTIAN faith, in Protestant churches today, is a joyful experience. We want sincerely to put into song our thankfulness to God for His great gifts, our loyalty to Christ and His Church, our reconsecration as His comrades. In the course of a public service of worship, you and I want to express our faith and our sense of belonging—in song. We've something to make music about! And if we take part *understandingly* and as an act of worship, then we Christians should sing.

Understandingly? Paul presents the ideal for congregational singing in I Corinthians 14:15, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." Read verses 6 to 20 in that chapter to get the full message.

So Christian singing will mean much more than "carrying a tune"—or listening to a musical performance which muffles or conceals the message of hymn or anthem. We should read and comprehend as a whole the words we sing. We should find in them a supplement or an accompaniment to the Scriptures which will be read in that service. As we receive the message of a poem set to music we'll find often that it came directly from the Bible. The hymn lives for generations because of this origin and also because of music attuned to it.

"A hymn is not simply sung for the enjoyment of singer or audience," explains H. A. L. Jefferson, in *Hymns in Christian Worship*. "It is an offering to God."

BECOMING more familiar with hymns will enrich personal devotions too. Under such a heading as *Faith*, in a well planned hymnal, turn to Frederick Faber's "Faith of Our Fathers" and read it as a devotional poem. Then read Hebrews 11 and perhaps also I Timothy 6:11-16. Notice the writer's noble reminders of the Christian heritage: "true to Thee till death," "still in heart and conscience free," "we will strive to win all nations unto Thee." The author, descendant of French Huguenots who long endured persecution, closes with a magnificent benediction:

"Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe, in all our strife,
And preach Thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life."

"Come, Thou Almighty King," as a devotional poem, has somewhat the form of a creed, and it interprets God in terms of the Trinity and also under many titles, such as Almighty King, Spirit of Holiness, Sovereign Majesty. To be read with the successive stanzas: Matthew 1:23; John 1:1,3,4; John 14:16,17; Psalm 19:14.

Of the hymns we know best, most were written in the nineteenth century, although "Fairest Lord Jesus" ("Schoenster Herr Jesu") in just about its present form dates from 1677 or earlier, and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" with words and music by Martin Luther is more than four centuries old.

Luther encouraged congregational singing, and this became a Protestant characteristic, but English-speaking churches usually restricted this to selections from the Psalms. It was Isaac Watts who set "free churches" to singing hymns, supplying hundreds of religious poems for which by trial and error the musical settings were found. After writing his first hymn stanzas at 20, Watts became a minister, but poor health made it necessary for him to retire from parish work and make his a ministry of the written word.

One of his timeless poems, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," written in 1707 (Isaac was then 33) was sung for generations to a tune called "Tombstone." We know it in the different form proposed by Lowell Mason, adapted from a Gregorian chant of about A. D. 600. Lowell Mason, at first a choirmaster in Savannah, Georgia, later served in a Boston church and also taught the first American classes in public school music. This is one of many hymns for which a newer musical setting has been found. A great religious poem need not die, but in generations of Christian usage, some wording may be changed, the music may be altered, or even a totally different musical setting ("Hamburg" for "Tombstone") may be provided.

Charles Wesley, author of some 7,000 hymns, contributed much to the early and later advances of Methodists. His "Joy to the World" is a portion of Psalm 98, sung joyfully to music Lowell Mason adapted from Handel's "The Messiah." Psalm 90 suggested "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," often reprinted with "O God" rather than "Our God." The tune, "St. Anne," by William Croft, was first set to another writer's "As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams," from Psalm 42.

Among the great hymns of our century, we may list "This Is My Father's World" and "Rise Up, O Men of God," the latter written by Dr. William Pierson Merrill as he began his resultful pastorate in New York City. "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" by Thomas Dwight, pioneer Yale president, was earlier sung to the same Welsh tune, "St. Thomas."

SOME suggestions for Young Adults: Use books by H. Augustine Smith and others in studying hymns which contribute to group and personal worship. Learn unfamiliar hymns which express great Christian truths and devotional fervor. Utilize your own musical abilities as a singer or instrumentalist, to improve church and group music.

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INTRODUCING . . . New Writers of Topic Treatments for THE WORLD

Eight new writers of topic treatments for the weekly Christian Endeavor meetings are being introduced in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. This is part of the plan to use multiple writers which was inaugurated with the new July issue.

Senior-Young People's Topics

A unit of four topics on "Parables of Challenge" has been prepared by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hess of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Hess is field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union; his wife Vera has studied at Moody Bible Institute and has been active in Christian Endeavor work.

Dr. Samuel S. Haas who prepared the October 13 topic, "Looking at My Moral Life," is professor of Hebrew and Old Testament studies at Bloomfield College and Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey, and a past president of the New Jersey Union.

The topic for October 20, "Christian Youth Looks at the U.N." was authored by David Schattschneider of Staten Island, New York, who has just completed his freshman year at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He has served as assistant youth president of New York State Union.

Intermediate (Junior High) Topics

Charles O. Heyward, of Washington, D.C., wrote the topic treatments for the September unit on "A Good Soldier in Training Armor" and the October 6 topic, "Remembrance of Me." He is field secretary for the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Unions.

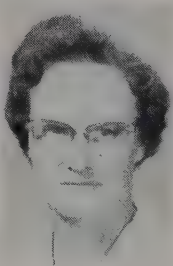
"Christian Endeavor's Fall Line-Up" is the title of the September 29 topic written by Frances M. Becker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Miss Becker is director of the high school department of the Pennsylvania Union and is an elementary school principal.

Mrs. Aldis L. Webb, whose husband is minister of the First Christian Church of Astoria, Oregon, has been active in Christian Endeavor for many years and is a public school teacher. Her topic is for October 13, "Count Me among Christians."

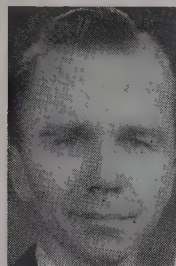
Dr. Jerome DeJong's topic in this issue "Free to Do What?" scheduled for October 27. Dr. DeJong is minister of the Reformed Church of Englewood, Chicago, Illinois. Having held pastorates in New Jersey, he has served as regional vice-president for the New Jersey Union.



Rev. Robert Hess



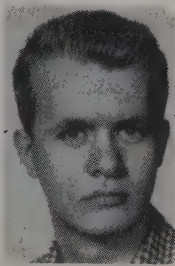
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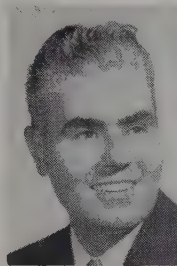
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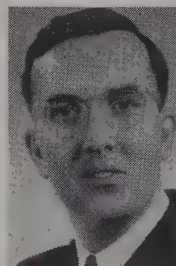
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The Laborers in the Vineyard

No. 1 in a Series: "Parables of Challenge"

Matthew 20:1-16

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Robert and Vera Hess

For the Leader

Use the check list of suggestions for planning the meeting.

Aim—To enlist every member in the work of the Lord with emphasis on each day's work for the Lord.

Suggested songs might be *Living for Jesus, I Am Happy in the Service of the King, Give of Your Best to the Master*.

For Publicity—Prepare a poster with cut-outs of young people working in a plant or store or office. State subject and place of meeting.

Leader's Introduction

Read Colossians 3:17. This is the measure of a Christian workman, whether he be a minister in the pulpit, a clerk in a store, a manager in a plant, or an executive in high office. *Whatever* means in everything.

How should the Christian work? Another *whatever* in Colossians 3:23 gives the clue. This means with all your heart. Throw everything you've got into it; that's the way a Christian should work.

One other Scriptural command concerning our work and then we'll see how these affect our own lives. This is in Ephesians 6:6, "Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers—but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." The Christian isn't to play to the gallery but to so work that God is pleased whether any man sees what we do or not.

So our *measure, method, and motive* are outlined for us in these words "whatever" or all things, "heartily" with everything we've got, and "will of God" for God's approval only.

Now from the Scriptures that have been suggested for our daily readings let's apply these three principles to our daily living.

First Sub-Leader (talk and discussion) Consideration for Employees

Read Job 31:13,14 and compare this reference from Job with Colossians 4:1 or Ephesians 6:9 or Philemon 16. (Ask three young people to read these references and then make your comments.) The Christian employer has a definite responsibility to God to show in his treatment of his employees that God runs his business. The thought in Job seems to be that an employer should be concerned about the personal needs of his employees beyond just that which concerns their work for him. Colossians 4:1 indicates that fair dealing without partiality or favoritism is only acceptable with God. Philemon 16 carries it further, indicating that the worker should be considered as equal before God and as

CHECK LIST

Suggestions for planning the meeting:
(check when done)

- Topic prepared in advance? . . .
- Publicity in Sunday school department, church bulletin, newspaper? . . .
- Special invitations mailed? . . .
- Musical number(s) arranged? . . .
- Song list given to leader and pianist? . . .
- Room setting and "props" ready? . . .
- Sub-leaders assigned talks, Scriptures, prayer items, questions to discuss? . . .
- A good closing planned? . . .

a brother. (Discuss ways and means of making this specific in our lives today. For instance, when the boss puts himself in the place of the worker he will make working conditions as pleasant as possible.)

Second Sub-Leader

Dependable Workmen

Read II Kings 12:11-15. Now we come to the other side of the tale. What about the workman? Our example here is of faithful, honest work that didn't have to be checked on. We see the same example in the life of Joseph as he served Potiphar and again in prison. Potiphar and the prison-keeper put everything in Joseph's hands and did not keep account at all of what he did; he was to be trusted. A phrase from II Timothy 2:15 describes him, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." (How can you in your job bear the same testimony? In school, could the teacher trust you to do your work yourself? Could you be given an unsupervised test and everyone know that beyond any shadow of doubt that you would not cheat?)

Third Sub-Leader

Withholding of Wages

Read together James 5:4-6. We're on the employer's side of the picture again. In these verses we see a picture of employers who earn the wrath of God upon themselves because they have not dealt fairly with their employees. God will not let it pass unnoticed. In contrast we see the employer mentioned in our Lord's parable here in Matthew 20:1-16 scrupulously fair in giving each worker that which he had promised. (Let's give our imaginations a workout for a few minutes. If all employers were guided by the Christian spirit of honesty and fairness, tempered with mercy, what effect would this have on the labor union situa-

tion? What would the workmen have to do?)

Fourth Sub-Leader

Faithful Employees

Read Proverbs 25:13. Here the reward of faithful work rendered even as we noted in being a dependable workman be evaluated in terms of reputation. Note that this is speaking of the employer's light in a faithful worker. What a comfort to a busy business man is an employee who can do the job he has been given heartily, thoroughly, and well. (How would an employer's recommendation letter for you? What about your part in sharing the work of the home also?)

Fifth Sub-Leader

A Good Employer

Read Luke 7:2-10. These verses indicate that a good employer not only pays wages due but cares for the personal concerns of those in his employ. Consideration of the life and happiness of others is keynote of Christian relationships whether between employer and employee or friend and neighbor or whatever the relationship may be. (How can personal concern be shown in the pattern of society in which we live today?)

Sixth Sub-Leader

Good Advice

Read together the verses in Romans 12:10-16. The advice of this passage is a pattern of personal relationship, love one another, honor to one another, fervent work for one another, joyful, patient service for the personal needs of others. We must remember that only as the command of Romans 12:1,2 is obeyed can we expect any fruit from the conduct set forth in the rest of the chapter. A transformed life is the work of the Holy Spirit is the only way that can successfully live the life of Romans 12. (Let's read these verses together prayerfully, each one thinking and judging his own life by the standard here. Pause at each sentence to let each one think. Better yet, have a piece of paper with verse numbers down the side and let each check *good, medium, low*, on it for his own information.)

Leader's Conclusion

Again, let us remember that in everything we do we are to do our level best with all our hearts, as to the Lord, please Him first; considering the other fellow before ourselves and determined that nothing in our work or relationship with others will bring dissatisfaction or will dishonor the Lord.

Testimony of a business man in your church and some faithful employee. (1 minute over 2 minutes each.)

Consecration Service

Read the pledge. Testimony or verse response to roll call. Close with the powerful singing of *Give of Your Best to the Master*.

From God's Word

- M., Aug. 26. Consideration for Employees. Job 31:13,14.
- T., Aug. 27. Dependable Workmen. II Kings 12:11-15.
- W., Aug. 28. Withholding of Wages. James 5:4-6.
- T., Aug. 29. Faithful Employees. Proverbs 25:13.
- F., Aug. 30. A Good Employer. Luke 7:2-10.
- S., Aug. 31. Good Advice. Romans 12:10-16.
- Sun., Sept. 1. Topic—The Laborers in the Vineyard. Matthew 20:1-16.

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"Give of Your Best . . ."

Matthew 25:14-30



Intermediate (12-14 Years) (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 1

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

OUR AIMS

1. To see what investing our lives really means.
2. To learn to give our best in all things.
3. To be more than "time-servers"—rather to be "creative laborers."

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to "speculate with life"?
2. How would God have us invest life?
3. Is one line of job just as Christian as another?
4. What kind of person should go into Christian service?
5. How do our deeds affect others?
6. Why is there so much indifference in church work?
7. How can we inspire everybody to work in Christian Endeavor?
8. Does God ever ask unreasonable things of us?
9. Are we fair to an employer when we "soldier" on the job? to ourselves?
10. What is my "reasonable" service?

business. They draw considerable trade from the larger markets because the worker can charge now and pay later when he gets his check. Because they are a small business they cannot afford to carry accounts for a very long time. They have found that most of the Christians that charge their purchases have paid their accounts on time. However, they can remember just a few that didn't. Discuss the Christian's responsibility.

Giving Our Best Demands All

For reasonable service the Lord requires our bodies for this includes the whole man. It takes in account the physical and spiritual natures. The eyes, the ears, the tongue, the hands, the feet, the heart are to be hallowed to His service. All the faculties of the soul, too, are to be devoted to Him—the understanding to know, the judgment to approve, the will to choose, the conscience to admonish, and the affections to be supremely placed upon Him.

Giving Our Best in Work

This is Labor Sunday. We sense today that work is a noble thing, a precious privilege, a joy.

The Hebrew Scriptures open with a picture of God working, planning, acting. And all is looking forward to the future comfort and happiness of the man whom God created in His own image. And the man is straightway given a task, to complete

the work which God had begun, to subdue the earth and to have dominion over it. Our God is a God who works; we are to be fellow-workers with God. Surely this reveals the dignity of work. It makes no difference how humble or how lofty the service appears to be in the eyes of men, if we are doing God's will we may have the assurance of His presence at our side.

If we are to give our best we must invest:

1. *More Fidelity.* Standing in front of the noble cathedral of Cologne, a lady overheard someone behind her say, "Didn't we do a fine piece of work here?" Turning quickly, she saw that the speaker was a man in the plainest of clothes, and on a sudden impulse she said to him, "Pray, what did you do about it?" "Oh, I mixed the mortar for two years across the street," was his reply.

If those of us who seem to have only very humble work to do could realize that we are sharers in the whole great plan, would we not be both more faithful and more happy? We are co-laborers with God, and no work for Him should be termed insignificant. It is a part of His great plan and merits our fidelity.

2. *More Earnestness.* Many fortune seekers passed over the "Last Chance Gulch," where now is the city of Helena, Montana, unconscious of its wealth, until a miner, driven almost to desperation by his need, began vigorously to dig. In a short time more than eight millions worth of gold was brought to the surface.

Vigorous digging gets results in life. There are men and women for whom difficulty is a challenge. Real earnestness is one of the things needful for every task.

3. *More Preparation.* An old Greek officer consulted the generals on the eve of an engagement. Ere he left them he counseled them that, "The secret of victory is in getting a good start."

That is the secret of victory not only in warfare, but in every life struggle. Better work will come from better preparation. Hit-or-miss work cannot be good. We must have a program and a plan. We must set up standards and seek to attain them. Jesus prepared for His work by much prayer, leaving us an example.

4. *More Faith.* An Irish hodcarrier was half way up the ladder, as his brother came running and called up that his uncle in Ireland had just died and left him \$25,000. He dropped his hod on the scaffold and called to the bricklayers above, "Boys, ye'll have to get another hodcarrier; I've done with the business." This should not be the spirit of a co-laborer with God. We should have faith in our work and believe that it is a great cog in the wheel of progress.

Worship Suggestions

Hymns: O Master Workman of the Race; Take My Life, and Let It Be; Give of Your Best to the Master.

Additional Scripture: John 5:17; Col. 3:17,22-24; James 5:1-5; Deut. 24:14.

For Daily Meditation

- M., Aug. 26. The Ant an Example. Proverbs 6:6-9.
 T., Aug. 27. Labor Rewarded. Matthew 20:8-15.
 W., Aug. 28. Motivated Labor. Ephesians 6:5-8.
 T., Aug. 29. Commendable Labor. Proverbs 31:17-22.
 F., Aug. 30. An Example to be Followed. II Thessalonians 3:7-13.
 S., Aug. 31. Serve with Patience. I Peter 2:18,19.
 Sun., Sept. 1. Topic—"Give of Your Best . . ."
 Matthew 25:14-30.

The Bible and Our Best

The Bible recommends and extols the principle of goodness. It embraces three main objectives: God, ourselves, and our fellowmen. We are to seek the glory of God in all things, to give diligence to make our election sure, and to the utmost of our power "to do good unto all men." Jesus is the supreme example of a beneficent life, "He went about doing good."

His deeds of mercy sprang from an earnest purpose and were not promoted by spirit of selfishness for personal gain or public favor.

In this topic we will discuss how to do our best in Christ's sight. Our lesson suggests that we are to present ourselves to God. Our offering should be our bodies. It should be a holy sacrifice, a living sacrifice, an acceptable sacrifice, a voluntary sacrifice.

The motives suggested for so doing are first, because of the many mercies of God; second, because it is a reasonable service.

Make Your Meeting Click

Different activities of life may be presented by Endeavorers, who dress according to the custom of the field of service represented. The reasonable service of a farmer may be presented by one who carries a pick and spade; the reasonable service of a farmer, a housewife, a teacher, a doctor, a preacher may be presented in their respective customs of dress. Practical lessons may be drawn from these different vocations.

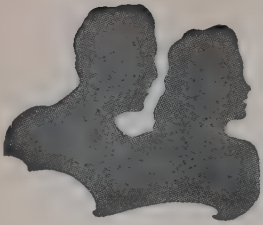
The daily Bible readings are fundamental for reasonable service. The leader should assign these various passages of Scripture to different members for reading and comment.

Your Poster

Put a big question mark place these words: "The important question is . . ." over major part of poster print: "Are you willing to give of your best? Give it over at Christian Endeavor tonight."

Role Playing

Let two Intermediates enact the scene of a young couple running a grocery store. The store is not large enough for them to serve anyone but a delivery boy. But do carry the charge accounts of many people in the neighborhood. They have had it hard at times to find a reliable person that they can trust with the delivery of their goods. But they remember that they have had a few Christians. These have done such a good job for them that they did such a good job for them that they are one of the requirements for them. Every boy is that he be a Christian. Can they find one? Charge accounts are a vital part of their



"Unto Every One That Hath . . .

No. 2 in a Series: "Parables of Challenge"

Matthew 25:14-30

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Robert and Vera Hess

For the Leader

Use the Leader's Preparation Chart.

Aim—To challenge young people to use every talent and ability for the Lord. Emphasize the little opportunities of each day to use our God-given talents.

Suggested songs:

Take My Life, and Let It Be; I Would Be True; O Jesus, I Have Promised.

Leader's Introduction

In Romans 12:6-8 and in I Corinthians 12:7-11 we are told that God has given to each of us gifts varying as He wills. Yet these gifts have all the same purpose as declared in Ephesians 4:12,13. (Read to the group.) In I Corinthians 12 we see that these gifts or talents are to be the channels through which the One Holy Spirit of God works. How we allow Him to use these gifts through us determines our measure of usefulness in the Lord's service.

We can take the precious gifts of God and bury them in selfishness or for our own satisfaction. Or we can bury them in the field of neglect. They can even be buried in a mistaken idea of serving others with no thought for the glory of God. They can be buried in the frantic striving for pre-eminence and self-glory through their use.

Let's take a look at these gifts and our use of them in the light of this parable. The men were given a different number of talents but all the same opportunity. They could each gain proportionately and that was all that was expected. The man with the five talents and the one with the two talents used them; the man with the one buried his. To those who used theirs came reward, to the one who buried his came punishment and loss. Are you saying you have only one talent? "I'd better conserve it lest I lose it." That's the surest way to lose it. Christ said just this in Mark 8:35 (read to group).

Now we'll see what we can gain from other portions of Scripture. (These different readings should have been assigned to various members for study and comment.)

Gifts from God

Read James 1:16-18. James says here that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." So the source is from God the Father, and every gift from Him is good and perfect. Thus we see there is nothing wrong with the gift. The fault, if fault there be in their use, lies with the one who receives. (How can we make these good and perfect gifts of no effect? How can we use them so that glory will come to the name of Christ who died for us that we might live?)

Responsibility According to Opportunity

Read Luke 12:48. This verse in Luke points out that the expected results are determined by what has been received. Our parable of the day shows this, too. The man who gained two talents was not pun-

LEADER'S PREPARATION CHART

(Check off the items)

Your topic should have been assigned by the Program Committee several weeks ahead to enable you to gather materials from your experiences in school, work, church life, and personal devotions. Be sure to consult with your sponsor and pastor for other help and experience.

Particularly the week before check yourself on the following items:

Was the lesson studied? _____

Follow the daily readings for Bible background, and devotional experiences. A little preparation each day will give you much material and greater confidence.

Did you get a notice in the church bulletin or local newspaper? _____

Were invitations or cards mailed? _____

What about a poster or an announcement in your Sunday school group? _____

Did you assign parts for others to take? _____

Did you write out their part so that there would be no slip-up? _____

Did you plan the program so that everyone present could have some part in the meeting? _____

Have the hymns and choruses been selected and a list prepared for your song leader and pianist? _____

Did you arrange a good opening talk, and a closing that could bring decisions in the lives of your friends? _____

Have you PRAYED much about the entire meeting? _____

ished because he had not gained five, but the man who had done nothing was punished for his neglect. (How can we measure the individual responsibility we bear? How can we determine how many and what talents we have received from the Lord?)

Purpose of Good Works

Here, as mentioned before, we find the motive for the use of the talents, the glory of God. Not that the user may receive a reward, though that is promised, but work done for the reward alone will not amount to much and will not bring glory to God. (List the gifts in Romans 12:6-8 and compare them with those seen in the lives of Christians today. Show how these gifts can be used for God's glory.)

Working as for God

Read, or have read, Colossians 3:22-25. These verses contain both a promise of reward and a warning of punishment. Though addressed to servants, they apply

Daily Readings

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| M., Sept. 2. | Gifts from God. | James 1:16-18. |
| T., Sept. 3. | Responsibility according to Opportunity. | Luke 12:48. |
| W., Sept. 4. | Purpose of Good Works. | Matthew 5:15,16. |
| T., Sept. 5. | Working as for God. | Colossians 3:22-25. |
| F., Sept. 6. | God's Stewards. | I Corinthians 4:1,2. |
| S., Sept. 7. | Rewards from the Lord. | Revelation 12:12-14. |
| Sun., Sept. 8. | Topic—"Unto Every One That Hath . . ." | Matthew 25:14-30. |

to all who have talents or abilities to be used for the Lord. Notice that it is to heart service, not just service to be and praised of men. Again we are to do heartily, not to shirk or do a half-way. The promise is of reward from the Lord Himself. The warning is that wrongdoing will be punished no matter who it is who does it. (Let's bring these thoughts bear on the service given in our own Christian Endeavor society. Discuss what it means here.)

God's Stewards

Read these gems in I Corinthians 4:1. What should others see in us? Paul says that others are to take notice that we are ministers of Christ, and stewards of mysteries of God. Furthermore, we need to give testimony that we are faithful. We need to be impressed again with the thought expressed in the poem *The Gospel According to You*, which can be found in our Christian libraries. Could we say the same thing to others that Paul said in Philippians 4:9? (Ask for a list of things others should see in us. Put them on a hall blackboard.)

Rewards from the Lord

Read together Revelation 22:12-14. Having done all for us in giving His life for our salvation, now the Lord promises rewards for what we do for Him. We should serve gladly, freely, impelled by love for Him. Yet His promise is sure and rewards will be there. I Corinthians 3:14 also the promise of reward for faithful use of talents in His service. For the reward is reckoned "according as his work shall be," and in the measure of that which remains when our works have been tried with fire. (What of your life in the light of these words?)

Leader's Summary

From God's Word we see that we have been given a definite talent, ability or gift. Ours is the responsibility to cover what it is, in what way we are best fitted to serve the Lord. Having determined our job we must do it for the Lord in the strength He gives, knowing that He will take account of every deed done for Him.

Take these words with you.

If You Refuse

God has a life for you to live
To glorify His name,
If you refuse His will for you
You will have lived in vain.

There are some souls He'd have you win
A harvest rich to gain,
If you refuse your stewardship,
It may to ashes turn.

God had a life—His only Son's
He laid it down for you.
Will you not yield your life to Him,
And choose His will to do?

—Select
Sing in closing the hymn *Give of Your Best to the Master*. Why not make a gift for each one present to take home and place on his mirror?

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

The Helmet of Knowledge

No. 1 in a Series: "A Good Soldier in Shining Armor"

Luke 2:52; John 5:39; II Timothy 2:15



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 8

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Plan of the Meeting

To help us understand why we need to know God's Word if we are going to be good soldiers for Jesus Christ in the battle against evil and unbelief around us.

Publicity

Intermediates like to study about the rights of old. To advertise this meeting to those for the next two weeks, obtain a picture of a knight or a soldier of ancient times, or if there is an artist in your arch have him draw one. Use this on a poster announcing the dates and topics for these three meetings and calling all Intermediates to "Come to Christian Endeavor _____ p.m.!" Be sure to have the topic and leader's name announced in the church bulletin.

Planning the Meeting

The leader should assign questions, points for discussion, Scripture reading, etc., to as many members as possible, and well in advance! Read all this material over, but especially the "Leader's Introduction" so that you can present those thoughts in your own words. Pray much for the meeting. Get the entire outline for the meeting, including hymn numbers, on paper before the meeting, so that you will have before you. Be sure that the president is ready with the announcements and that members are assigned to receive the offering.

Suggested Meeting Outline

Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 107:8,9
Singing Service: Three or four hymns and choruses closing with *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Announcements—by the president or counselor
Announcing of Topic: Scripture Reading (by leader or three other young people)
Devotional Prayers: Pray for: God's guidance in the meeting; those who are not coming to Christian Endeavor and those who need to know Christ; the minister and other workers in the church; each member, that he or she might be a good witness for Christ at school; other needs mentioned by the counselor
Closing Hymn: *Stand Up for Jesus*
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go*
Prayer or Psalm 19:14 Benediction.

Leader's Introduction

Ever since Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, men have been seeking knowledge. Adam and Eve did not sin because they sought knowledge but because they disobeyed God in eating the fruit. In this meeting we want to talk about finding the knowledge that God wants us to have and how we can use that knowledge as a helmet to protect our minds from the wrong kind of knowledge, and as armor so that we can

be fit soldiers for Jesus Christ as we live from day to day.

The Scripture Passages (to be discussed by three members)

1. (Read Luke 2:52) This was said about Jesus when He was a boy about as old as we are. He studied, played and helped His parents just as we should. But because He was God's Son, He was also the perfect example for us to follow. He increased in wisdom; therefore we should also learn how to make right decisions. He increased in stature; therefore we should take care of our bodies and try to grow to be strong "soldiers" for Him. He increased in favor with God and man; therefore we should also seek first to please God each day and then to be like Jesus in our attitude toward others.

2. (Read John 5:39) What Jesus is saying is this: "You study the Scriptures because you think that in them you will find eternal life, and that is true, because the Scriptures tell about Me, and I am the only one who can give you eternal life." Out of all that God wants us to know, the first and by far the most important is His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. When we have accepted Him as our own Saviour and know Him personally as our Lord, then we have put on the most important helmet, the helmet of salvation, which we read about in Ephesians 6:17 (read this verse). It is only from "searching the Scriptures" that we can learn who Christ is and why we need Him as our Saviour.

3. (Read II Timothy 2:15 [King James Version]) In school we are gaining knowledge by studying, and this knowledge will be useful to us as we take our place in the world. In the same way, we need to study God's Word in order to gain knowledge of it and live a life that He approves of. To "divide" the Word of truth means to handle it, or to distribute it to others. A popular song written by Dale Rogers two years ago includes the words, "How do I know? The Bible tells me so!" Tomorrow in school someone might ask one of us how he knows he is a Christian, or why he goes to church. Are we ready to tell what the Bible says in John 3:16, or Acts 16:30,31, or John 6:47? In whatever life work we may choose, we need to be workmen, or witnesses, for Christ, and we cannot be good witnesses without studying His Word.

For Further Discussion

1. How does knowledge of the Bible protect our minds as a helmet protects the head?

If we fill our minds with the good things of God's Word, there will be no room for sinful thoughts. David said in Psalm 119:11, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." To hide God's Word in the heart means to memorize it. When we remember things about Jesus Christ from the Bible (such as I John 4:19) we will think of His love for us and will keep sinful thoughts out of our minds. Also, when we remember that Galatians 2:20 tells us that Jesus lives in us if we have accepted Him, we will be conscious of His presence and turn away from sin.

2. Does God want us to have knowledge of His word and nothing else?

No. We would still be travelling by donkey and by two-wheel carts if men had not sought knowledge of how to use the natural materials and energy, such as iron and electricity, that God has given to us. Tribes in South America and other places today are hearing about Jesus Christ only because the airplane is able to reach them. God wants us to learn all that we can about science and other subjects if it is to make His world a better place to live in. Luke, the physician, wrote down part of God's Word, but he had also learned how to help sick people get well. Paul knew the Scriptures well and added much to the New Testament, but he also knew how to make good tents. William Carey, the great missionary to India, was also a shoemaker. The Christian young person who is a good student in school will be better prepared to serve the Lord in later life than the one who is a poor student!

3. What is the Quiet Hour?

The Quiet Hour is a period of 15 minutes or more each day which a Christian Endeavorer—or any Christian young person—spends reading his Bible, thinking about what he has read, and praying. The best time of day for most young people to observe the Quiet Hour is in the morning, but Christians should pray and read from the Bible as often as possible each day.

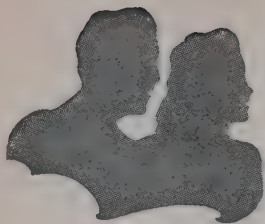
4. Why should we observe the Quiet Hour?

When we open our Bibles and begin to read, God speaks to us through His Word. We need this knowledge which we receive from God each day, and if we fail to read from His Word on a certain morning then we have failed to put on our "helmets" of knowledge to protect us from wrong during the day. In the Quiet Hour we also pray, which is our way we speak to God. In praying we can thank Him for many things, especially for His Son who died for our sins, and we can ask Him for strength to be "good soldiers" for Him all during the day, especially as we study and take part in activities with other young people who are not Christians.

(Closing comments by the counselor.)

Daily Devotional Readings

M., Sept. 2. The Excellency of Knowledge. Philippians 3:8-10.
T., Sept. 3. Cause of Exultation. Jeremiah 9:23,24.
W., Sept. 4. Knowledge Obtained by Following God. Hosea 6:1,3.
T., Sept. 5. Obedience Produces Knowledge. John 7:16,17.
F., Sept. 6. Knowledge Liberates from Error. John 8:31,32.
S., Sept. 7. Knowledge Leads to Eternal Life. John 17:1-3.
Sun., Sept. 8. Topic—The Helmet of Knowledge. Luke 2:52; John 5:39; II Timothy 2:15.



Rejoice - I Have Found My Sheep

No. 3 in a Series: "Parables of Challenge"

Luke 15:1-7

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Robert and Vera Hess

For the Leader

Use the Leader's Preparation Chart on page 14.

Aim—To bring each young person face to face with his need of a Saviour and to show him Christ, the only Saviour, with emphasis on a personal commitment to Christ and the need of telling others about Him.

Suggested Songs—*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, In the Cross of Christ I Glory, Just as I Am, Without One Plea.*

Leader's Introduction

This chapter in Luke might be called the chapter of lost things: a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. The same concluding thought is given to each parable, the note of rejoicing over the lost that had been found. The same dominant thought is here too of the seeking ones: the shepherd, the woman, and the father. Our first concern, however, is the lost condition.

In our parable it is the sheep strayed from the fold that draws the shepherd away from the flock and compels him to go into the wild places to find it. The sheep was lost, helpless, and utterly alone. It could not possibly find its way to safety. It had no protection apart from the shepherd, no life if the shepherd did not rescue it. We need to see ourselves in that sheep. We too have strayed away; we too are utterly lost; we too can never find our way to safety; we too have no protection apart from our Heavenly Shepherd, and we too can know nothing but eternal death apart from Him.

First Speaker

The Purpose of Christ's Coming

(Each of the Scripture portions should be looked up and read.) Read Matthew 18:10,11.

Men have tried to give many reasons for Christ's coming to earth. In them we see man's unwillingness to acknowledge his own desperate need of that which Christ came to give. We hear that He came to be an example, a leader, to show men how to live.

Christ's own words prove the inaccuracy of these statements. He said He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He said He came to give His life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). He came not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17). He came to give us life more abundantly (John 10:10).

Second Speaker

Winning Souls for Christ

Read together Acts 2:37-47. Since the purpose of Christ's coming shows the lost condition of the sheep, then that same lost condition compels us, who have received the life He came to give, to go to them with the message of that which Christ came to do. The shepherd didn't think of his own comfort and pleasure but of the need of

the sheep. Let's suppose for a minute that a sheep is an animal that would fight back at the shepherd who tried to rescue it. If the sheep had kicked and bitten the hand of the shepherd then it would in truth be a picture of the ungrateful, rebellious man who will not come to the Saviour that he might be saved and who will not be content quietly lost, but must openly, rebelliously, ferociously attack the Saviour who came to "seek and to save, that which was lost."

And as those who try to reach the lost with Christ's message, we too must bear the attacks and be willing to suffer that other men might also live. (Give as an illustration the martyrdom of the five men in Ecuador. What about us here in our society? What are we doing that the lost sheep might be brought back? Have our efforts brought any rejoicing over the sheep that was lost and is found?)

Third Speaker

God's Great Promise

Read responsively or in concert John 3:14-18. Let's reverently read together this wonderful passage from John. The verse is here that most of us learned as children. We used to say it so glibly; maybe we still do. But when we have seen ourselves as a poor, helpless lost sheep, and Christ as the wonderful dying Shepherd, then this verse can not be lightly tossed out as mere words. God so loved that He gave. Christ so loved that He died. We so love, that we rush around in a merry fashion, seeking first of all to satisfy the desires of our hearts in the pleasures that this life can give. We so love, that we are afraid to speak lest we offend. We so love, that we keep silent lest we be ridiculed. God's promise is "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How many "whosoever's" have everlasting life because you have told them that God so loved that He gave? (Testimony time of how someone witnessed to you and brought about your conversion.)

Fourth Speaker

Jesus Seeks the Lost

Read Luke 19:1-10. In this passage Jesus shows an example of His seeking and saving the lost. The man whom Jesus sought would probably have very loudly declared that he certainly wasn't lost and didn't need to be saved. Wasn't he a rich man? Of course he didn't have many friends because of his job, but then who

could ever love the tax collector. There were those who complained that he was dishonest, but a man had to make a living for himself, didn't he? He surely was as bad as some folks. Just look at the Romans; he was a saint compared to them. So he could have gone on and on . . . he met the Saviour. Then, not to be saved, but because of the transformation, Lord had wrought within him, Zacchaeus straightened things out with those he had cheated, and became a different person. (What can we learn for our personal methods of soul-winning from this incident?)

Fifth Speaker

The Bad Samaritan

Listen while I read John 4:7-26. I hear a lot about the Good Samaritan. In fact, several times in His ministry Christ commended those of Samaria, much to the disgust of the Jewish people who listened to Him. In our passage here we see how Christ dealt with a woman of bad reputation. We'd say she lived in the red-light district. We'd not want to associate with her at all. We'd feel that she had no part with decent people. But Christ saw her heart need. We're thinking of how we can be effective soul-winners. Let's think together of Christ's method here. 1) He brought her to a place where she could confess her sin. 2) He showed her mere religious creed would not suffice. 3) He made her hungry for what He had to give her. 4) He introduced Himself as the Saviour to her. 5) He sent her away to bring others back to Him. (How can we apply His method in our dealings now?)

Sixth Speaker

It's Never Too Late

Read Luke 23:39-43. Death bed repentance? Yes, here we have a genuine instance of it. Did the thief have an opportunity earlier in life to know the Lord? We don't know, but now in his need the Saviour did not turn away. He gave what he asked, an eternity with Himself. Here is a message of hope, yet not an invitation to procrastination, for there may be no opportunity in that last moment to say "Lord, remember me." The word from the Scripture is "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." It's never too late for the Saviour to answer a heart cry. But it may well be too late for the hearer to make the cry. For again the Scripture says "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 3:7b.

Leader's Conclusion

Our pastor is here tonight and I want him to bring some remarks. Christ came into the world to seek and to save those who are lost in sin and without hope. He gives life to all who will believe that He is indeed the Son of God who gave His life that we might live. He sends out a witness for Him all those who have seen their need and have received Him. He has many, many lost sheep who have yet to be brought into the fold. What are we doing about it? When our pastor finishes, we will sing *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

	From the Book of Books	
M., Sept. 9.	The Purpose of Christ's Coming.	Matthew 18:10,11.
T., Sept. 10.	Winning Souls for Christ.	Acts 2:37-47.
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T., Sept. 12.	Jesus Seeks the Lost.	Luke 19:1-10.
F., Sept. 13.	The Bad Samaritan.	John 4:7-26.
S., Sept. 14.	It's Never Too Late.	Luke 23:39-43.
Sun., Sept. 15.	Topic—Rejoice—I Have Found My Sheep.	Luke 15:1-7.

The Shield of Faith

No. 2 in a Series: "A Good Soldier in Shining Armor"

Ephesians 6:10-16



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 15

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Plan of the Meeting

To give us more knowledge of what Christian faith is and to strengthen our faith, that it might be a strong shield to protect our hearts from doubt.

Publicity

Include a word of welcome in the church yearbook to Junior Highs to come to Christian Endeavor, giving the time, topic and leader. Have the meeting announced in the yearbook, and invite each Intermediate individually to come to the meeting.

Planning the Meeting

The leader for the meeting should read over all this material, giving some part to many members as possible and allowing plenty of time to prepare—a week if possible. Know the "Leader's Introduction" so that you can give it in your own words. Rely for the Lord's help and guidance. Remember, you are "trusting in Him for strength!"

Suggested Meeting Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Scriptural Introduction: Psalm 28:7

Hymn: Praise Him! Praise Him!

Choruses: Thank You, Lord; Every Day in Jesus

Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Announcements (by the president or counselor)

Announcing of Topic; Reading of Scripture (responsively)

Prayer Time. Sentence prayers for: those who are absent; the sick; the missionaries; the pastor; Junior Highs who need to come to Christian Endeavor; special needs mentioned by the counselor and members.

Offering, with Special Music

Hymn: I Need Jesus

Discussion of Topic

Closing Hymn: Where He Leads Me

Closing Prayer by counselor and Benevolent

Leader's Introduction

The story is told of how a man who was not a Christian dreamed one night that he was climbing a steep rocky mountain, and he was pulling a rope to throw around the crags above him and pull himself up. When he almost reached the pinnacle, his foot slipped from under him. He held tight to the rope and found himself swinging in space with a 500-foot drop below him. Gripped with fear, he suddenly saw an angel appear near him who said, "Let go of the rope and I will save you." The man thought that dream taught this man that as long as he held on to self and trusted in his own goodness, Christ could never reach him. He needed to let go and let Christ rescue him from the peril and penalty of his sin. That is faith—letting go of self and trusting in Christ.

Discussion of Scripture Passage

What makes up the parts of our Christian

tian armor in the passage read this evening?

These are Truth and Righteousness (in verse 14), the Gospel of Peace (in verse 15) and Faith (in verse 16). All these parts of our armor are found in Jesus Christ; therefore we should learn more about Him as we read the Bible each day, listen in Sunday school, and discuss the topics each week in our meetings.

2. How are our spiritual enemies different from human enemies?

Verse 12 tells us that we are not struggling with human beings (flesh and blood) in our Christian life, but with spiritual enemies—the devil and his many demon helpers (the rulers of the darkness of this world) who are at work in the world trying to keep people from believing in Christ or trying to break down the faith of those who are Christians. Armor of steel will not protect us against the tricks (wiles) of the devil (mentioned in verse 11) as he tries to destroy our faith. Our battle is spiritual, not physical, and we need spiritual armor to fight our spiritual battle with the devil, who is God's most powerful enemy.

3. Why is our faith called a shield in verse 16? ("The wicked," at the end of this verse, means "the wicked one" or the devil.)

The Bible tells us that "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Romans 10:10). When we receive Christ as our Saviour (and therefore receive His righteousness), we receive Him into our hearts.

Because of this, the devil, or the "wicked one," is always aiming his darts of doubt and fear at our hearts, and we need a strong shield—which is the armor that protects the heart—not a shield of steel, which cannot protect us from the devil's darts, but of faith—a strong trust in the Lord and in the power of His might!

For Further Discussion

1. What is the difference between believing with our minds and believing with our hearts?

When we first learned in school that Columbus discovered America, we believed it with our minds. We knew that it was true, but it did not change us in any way. But when we learn from God's Word that His only Son loved us so much that He came down from Heaven to suffer and die on a cross to give us eternal life, it appeals to more than just our minds. It goes down into our hearts, and from our hearts

there goes out a faith in Jesus that changes our lives. That is being "born again," or made over again, which Jesus, in the third chapter of John, tells us must happen to us if we are to see the Kingdom of God.

2. Is it possible to believe in Christ only with our minds?

Yes. Many people believe in Christ in the same way that they believe in George Washington—they believe that He was a wonderful man and a good example for us to follow. That is believing with the mind. But they have never been able to say, "Jesus died for me, and I love Him because He is my Saviour." That is believing with the heart.

3. Is trusting in Jesus as our Saviour the only part of faith?

No, it is only the beginning. The Christian Endeavor Pledge says, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do." Wherever we are or whatever we are doing, our faith must be in Christ—to guide us in school, to help us in our studying, to help us play fair at all times and to control our tongues, and to supply all our needs. (Read Psalm 34:4 and Psalm 37:5.)

4. How can we make our faith a stronger shield to protect our hearts from the devil's darts?

Our faith must be exercised to make it strong and warm. The famous preacher, Dr. Spurgeon, told of the boys in the winter time who struggled to get close to the fire to warm their hands. Then their father said, "Go out and do some work, then you will get warm." When they returned from their work with red cheeks and warm hands they said, "It is warmer outside than we thought it was!" That is like our faith. It needs work and exercise to make it warm and strong.

5. How do we exercise our faith?

One way to exercise our faith is to tell others about it. Every time we tell someone about what Jesus has done for us it is like adding another coat of metal to our shield. We believe it more strongly than before, and our "shield of faith" has become a stronger protection for our hearts. (Read Psalm 66:16.)

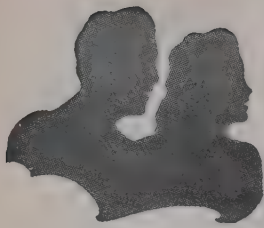
6. When is the best time to show our faith?

In prayer. When we ask our parents for something that we really need, we have trust in them that if at all possible they will give it to us. It should be the same with our Heavenly Father. If we know that what we ask is His will, we should believe His promises and expect Him to grant what we ask. It grieves Him when we do not trust Him. (Read I John 5:14, 15.)

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Bible Meditations

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| M., Sept. 9. | What Is Faith? | |
| T., Sept. 10. | Indispensable in Religion. | Hebrews 11:1-3. |
| W., Sept. 11. | Faith Essential in Prayer. | Hebrews 11:5-6. |
| T., Sept. 12. | The Faith of Three Boys. | James 1:5-6. |
| F., Sept. 13. | Caleb, a Man of Faith. | Daniel 3:16-18. |
| S., Sept. 14. | The Basis of Victory. | Joshua 14:6-12. |
| Sun., Sept. 15. | Topic—The Shield of Faith. | I John 5:1-5. |
| | | Ephesians 6:10-16. |



It Was Founded upon a Rock

No. 4 in a Series: "Parables of Challenge"

Matthew 7:24-29

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Robert and Vera Hess

For the Leader

Use the Leader's Preparation Chart on page 14.

Aim—To make certain that each young person is on the only foundation which is Jesus Christ, the Saviour, and building with that which will endure.

Suggested Songs: *How Firm a Foundation, The Church's One Foundation, Beneath the Cross of Jesus.*

Leader's Introduction

Our topic of "It Was Founded upon a Rock" might be stated "Look to Your Foundation." For the Scriptures are very certain in stating "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11). In our parable no mention is made of the materials used in the buildings. We aren't told that one used sturdy stone and the other flimsy wood. We are told only that one built on a foundation that would endure and the other on shifting sand. Christ likens the builders to those who hear and heed and those who hear but heed not. What were they to hear and heed? His words. He had just said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Again and again Christ told His hearers that it was the will of His Father that they believe on Him. From Acts 4:12 we find another verse that limits us to Christ alone for our foundation. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." No other foundation, no other name, Christ only, and the rock of our salvation. Peter said that Christ was the Son of God and Christ replied that on the foundation of that belief He would build His church and the gates of Hell could not prevail against it. Men everywhere are trying to build on their own goodness and on their own merits. God will have none of it. They are only shifting sands and any life built thereon will fall.

We see in the teaching that preceded the parable that there were those who were claiming as their entrance into the Kingdom the works done in the name of the Lord. But they were cast out because God did not know them. Only the redeemed of the Lord can hear His "welcome home." God knows them as we are told in II Timothy 2:19 (read passage aloud). Our foundation is on the rock, and that rock is the crucified Christ of God.

We will see as we enter the discussion how we may be founded upon the rock. But for just a moment consider how we are building on this foundation. Are we building with that which endures or with that which will not stand the fire of God's test-

ing? Much has been said in defining the words in I Corinthians 3 of "gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble," but we know from these verses that it is the fire that determines every man's work of what sort it is. Perhaps if we remember that the work that abides is the work of God then we can see that only that work will last which we allow the Holy Spirit of God, who indwells every believer, to do through us.

(Try to get someone to present a chalk drawing or have some film slides, or simply hold up some religious pictures on the solid rock. Perhaps have a special light spotted on such a scene, with the regular lights out.)

Trials Come to the Devoted

Read Acts 16:23, 24. Christ never promised a bed of roses to those who followed Him. In His parable storms beat upon the houses and rain descended, the wind blew and the floods came. The house on the rock stood firm. Here in Acts we see trials coming to the chosen of the Lord. But Paul and Silas knew their foundation was sure and they could sing praises to the Lord even in the most trying of circumstances. Christ has said that we will have tribulation in this world, but to be cheerful for He has overcome the world and the world cannot shake us, cannot prevail against us for we are in Him. (Discuss the trials that come to the young Christian today which can and should be met as Paul and Silas did. What about I Corinthians 10:13?)

A Foundation in Zion

Our portion is from Isaiah 28:16 and we note that it is the Lord who has laid the foundation stone, it is a tried stone (one that has stood the tests, remember Christ's temptation?), a precious corner stone (nothing could surer be for He is God). When we add the words in I Peter 2:6-8 our text gains new meaning: "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Zion, a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence,

even to them which stumble at the word being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." (Here is a good time to read testimonies from those who have found the Lord precious. Ask one or two ahead of time.)

Christ, the Only Foundation

We have heard already how Christ has been set by God as the only foundation. We might profitably discuss some of the foundations that men seek to lay and how impossible it would be for them to serve as the foundation for eternal life. (Recall some items from the leader's text to illustrate the possibility of being sincere but sincerely wrong.)

A Spiritual Temple

In these verses in Ephesians 2:19-22 contained a truth that should rejoice the heart of all believers. At the beginning of the chapter we see that we were dead trespasses and sins. At the end of the chapter after the finished work of Christ on our behalf has been made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit we are built together for an habitation of God. What a transformation has been wrought to change the evil to that which is fit for the dwelling place for the Holy God. Here we see that the foundation stone is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and we are fitly framed in Him. (Let's take time out here to praise the Lord in prayer for what He has done for us and in us. Use sentence prayer.)

The Immovables

Let us read the verses of Psalm 15 together. (Be sure all have Bibles if possible. Place them in seats before the meeting. They contain too much to pass over lightly. All these things that are here listed should be the natural actions of those in whom Christ dwells. (Are we letting Him bear this fruit in our lives?)

Leader's Conclusion

James 1:22-25 tells us how to be founded. Faith comes first. He that believeth not is on the shifting sands of man's way, not God's. The proof of the faith, the heart is the work of the life. Here again in Christ's parable it is the hearer as the doer who stands, not the hearer as the forgetter. If you know the Christ in God as your Saviour, you are known to the Lord and your foundation stands sure. Yet the admonition to all of us is, "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Others will know that our foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ by what they see of Him in us. And as we saw in I Corinthians 3, we shall receive a reward for that which remains after the fire of God's testing. Those who suffer loss shall be saved yet so as by fire.

(Have the sponsor ready for a few closing remarks which might lead to decisions.)

Daily Bible Lessons

- M., Sept. 16. Trials Come to the Devoted. Acts 16:23,24.
- T., Sept. 17. A Foundation in Zion. Isaiah 28:16.
- W., Sept. 18. Christ, the Only Foundation. I Corinthians 3:10,11.
- T., Sept. 19. A Spiritual Temple. Ephesians 2:19-22.
- F., Sept. 20. The Immovables. Psalm 15.
- S., Sept. 21. How to be Founded. James 1:22-25.
- Sun., Sept. 22. Topic—It Was Founded upon a Rock. Matthew 7:24-29.

The Sword of the Spirit

No. 3 in a Series: "A Good Soldier in Shining Armor"

Ephesians 6:17-20



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 22

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Announcement of the Meeting

To help us see better what a powerful weapon the Word of God—the Bible—can be in the hands of a Christian young person.

Publicity

Follow the suggestions already presented in this series of topics. Ask everyone to bring his Bible to the meeting.

For the Leader

Have someone draw a large open Bible with the words "The Sword of the Spirit" written in large letters on the open pages. Place it on the table or lectern in the front of the room. In addition to having the members use the material for discussion on this page, have your counselor prepare a 5-minute Sword Drill. Divide the society into two sides, and as the Scripture references are called by the counselor, the first side to find the verse in his Bible will quickly stand, and when signaled by the counselor, will read the verse aloud. The side with the most "firsts" wins. Under "Let's Use Our Sword," give out an "Excuse" and "Sword" to different members in advance. Pray for help and guidance in the meeting and that all who are present will receive a blessing.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Scriptural Introduction: Psalm 119:16,18

Announcing of Topic

Hymns—*In the Service of the King, Live For Jesus*

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Time for Prayer: Suggestions for individual prayers: God's blessing for each; a greater interest in God's Word; that we know who have not accepted Christ; the officers and counselor of the society; the sick; those who have been absent recently; the needs of the missionaries.

Offering

Poem: *Will the Bible Stand?*

Read one eve beside a blacksmith's door and heard the anvil ring the vesper chime; then, looking, I saw upon the floor old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I, "to wear and batter all these hammers so?" "Just one," he said, and then with twinkling eye, he anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

"I so, I thought, the Anvil of God's Word, ages skeptic blows have beat upon; and though the noise of falling blows was heard, the Anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

—Selected.

Hymn: *I Love To Tell the Story*

Topic Discussion

Closing Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*

Benediction.

By the Leader

Our subject this evening is about another part of the Christian's armor—"the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The parts of the Christian's armor that we have thought about so far have been defensive—to protect us from harm. But the sword is an offensive weapon which God has given us to use in fighting sin and winning others to Christ. While he is training, a fencer spends much time practicing with a dummy on which is sewed or painted a red heart. He aims his sabre, or sword, constantly at the heart. He tries to acquire more and more skill in using his sabre against each opponent that he faces. His sword never changes, but his ability to use it improves with experience. It is the same with God's Word—it never changes, but our knowledge of it and our ability to use it as our spiritual sword should always increase.

The Scripture Passage

1. What four important things are mentioned in the Scripture passage for this evening?

These four are (1) Salvation (verse 17), which we must have before we can do anything for Christ; (2) the Word of God (verse 17), which is His Sword that He gives us to use; Prayer (verse 18), in which we come into God's holy presence and talk to Him, and (4) Witnessing, or "speaking boldly" for Christ (verses 19 and 20), which Paul did even when he was a prisoner in Rome.

2. How does verse 18 tell us that we are to pray?

We are to come to God with our needs (supplication) as God's Spirit shows us what to pray for, and we should be watchful and ready to pray at all times for all Christians (saints).

3. What were the Ephesian Christians asked to pray for in behalf of Paul?

In verse 19 Paul asks them to pray that he might be given the words to say, so that he can speak with boldness about Jesus Christ in order that the non-Christians in Rome might believe in Him. In verse 20 Paul says that he is an "ambassador" for Christ in Rome, but that the

emperor has made him a prisoner because he preached the Gospel.

For Further Discussion

1. (Read *Hebrews 4:12*.) This verse tells us some amazing things about God's Word. It is living (or quick); it is the most powerful and sharpest word that there is; it can make a sinner feel like he is being torn apart (divided asunder) when he hears it, and it can reveal the sins in our minds and hearts that people cannot see.

2. Why is this important for Christian Endeavorers—and all Christian young people—to know?

If we have signed the Christian Endeavor Pledge, we have promised the Lord that we will read the Bible regularly and also "seek to bring others to Christ." In daily Bible reading we become familiar with the "Sword of the Spirit," and know how to use it better in bringing others to Christ. We cannot win others to Christ without knowing what the Bible says about how to become a Christian, and we see in *Hebrews 4:12* what a powerful "weapon" our Bible is when we talk to others.

Let's Use Our Sword

Leader: When we talk to others about Christ they usually have excuses for not becoming a Christian, but God's Word—the Sword of the Spirit—has an answer for every excuse. We want to know how to "pierce the hearts" of non-Christians with our Sword so that they will see their need of Christ. We are now going to hear some of these excuses and what the "Sword" has to say in answer to them. Perhaps we should decide this evening to memorize these verses, and others too, so that we will have our Sword ready any time we need it.

Excuse 1. I am still young, and have plenty of time to accept Christ.

Sword 1. (Read *II Corinthians 6:2*.)

Excuse 2. I am as good as anybody else.

Sword 2. (Read *Romans 3:23 and 6:23*.)

Excuse 3. My parents are Christians, so that makes me one too.

Sword 3. (Read *John 3:3*.)

Excuse 4. I don't know how to accept Christ.

Sword 4. (Read *Revelation 3:20*.)

Excuse 5. My friends will make fun of me.

Sword 5. (Read *II Timothy 2:12*.)

Excuse 6. I will lose my friends.

Sword 6. (Read *I John 1:3*.)

Excuse 7. Being a Christian is sissy stuff.

Sword 7. (Read *II Timothy 2:3, 4*.)

Excuse 8. I don't believe the Bible.

Sword 8. (Read *I Corinthians 2:14*.)

Excuse 9. God doesn't care about me.

Sword 9. (Read *John 6:37*.)

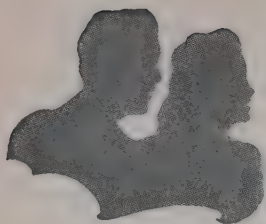
Excuse 10. I am afraid I would fail.

Sword 10. (Read *I Corinthians 10:13*.)

(Have a closing period of prayer, each one rededicating himself to keeping the Quiet Hour and memorizing Scripture.)

Scripture References

- M., Sept. 16. A Probing Sword. *Hebrews 4:12.*
T., Sept. 17. The Eternal Word. *I Peter 1:24,25.*
W., Sept. 18. Power to Salvation. *Romans 1:16,17.*
T., Sept. 19. The Sword of Judgment. *Isaiah 11:1-5.*
F., Sept. 20. The Preaching of the Cross. *I Corinthians 1:17-21.*
S., Sept. 21. The Successful Word. *Isaiah 55:11,12.*
Sun., Sept. 22. Topic—The Sword of the Spirit. *Ephesians 6:17-20.*



Christian Endeavor's Fall Line - Up

I Corinthians 14:40; I Timothy 4:12-16; Hebrews 12:1,2

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Darrell Franken

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Song Service:

Follow, I Will Follow Thee

In the Service of the King

Prayers

Scripture

Special Music

Offering—Hymn, *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Topic

Hymn

Benediction

Briefing the Leader

Very likely the fall line-up of a near-by football team is fairly settled by now. But what about the line-up of leaders and activities in your Christian Endeavor society? Some societies will already have had a planning meeting, others will not. In either case, the meeting as outlined here will be of help. (Be prepared with pencils, paper and a blackboard. Meet in a room where the chairs can be moved.)

The Aim of This Meeting

Our meeting tonight is going to be in the nature of a "Workshop." That is, instead of having an inspirational meeting we are going to analyze what we did in the past year and try to come up with some new objectives and goals for our society this year. In other words, we are going to take an honest look at the weak points of our society and attempt to correct them. We are going to look at our strong points and try to discover how we can make them even stronger. Here are the steps we will follow.

Group Analysis (Step One)

First of all, it is necessary for the entire group to divide itself into several smaller groups. The size of each small group will depend on the size of the larger group, but four people usually make up a good conversational group. The reason for dividing into small groups is that all people feel more at ease to speak up in a smaller group. The object is to get everyone to participate in this meeting. This is often only possible by dividing into smaller groups.

Second, ask each group to appoint one of their group to be the secretary. Give that secretary pencil and paper. This secretary is to report the decision of that group later.

Third, ask each group to discuss what they thought was the *main weakness*, and what was the *main strong point* of their society in the past year. (Write the italicized words on the blackboard.)

Fourth, allow these small groups to discuss this for ten minutes. During this time the secretary of each of these groups should write down the comments of that group.

You will notice that this makes a good deal of noise. That is why this method is called a "buzz session."

Small Group Reports (Step Two)

After the small "buzz groups" have spent ten minutes in discussion, get the attention of the entire group and announce that you would like to have the secretary of each "buzz group" report what they think are the *weaknesses* and *strengths* of their society in the past year. As each secretary reads his report, write these criticisms on the blackboard. These problems will then become the subject material for step three.

Here is a list of problems that may possibly arise:

- Our attendance has become rather poor in recent weeks.
- Our meetings are not interesting and helpful.
- Only a few of the young people participate in the discussion.
- The leaders are not too well prepared each week.
- Some of the fellows and girls only come to our parties.
- Some do not pay attention to the leader.

(Inasmuch as this meeting attempts to get everyone to think about the weaknesses and strengths of the society, do not use these questions. These are only a guide for the leader's thoughts.)

Problem Solving (Step Three)

First, ask the group to return to their smaller "buzz groups" as they did in step one. Again, you will be helping those who don't speak up too often. By getting them into smaller groups many feel more free to talk and discuss.

Second, now that the problems and good points of your society are listed on the blackboard, you will ask each "buzz group" to find one answer or one solution to each problem listed on the blackboard. The secretary will write down the one solution which his group decides is best for each problem.

The time that should be allotted to this step will depend on the number of problems the group wishes to discuss. Probably fifteen minutes is about the average. The "buzz groups" will likely not have time to come up with a solution for every problem. Therefore, it might be well to warn the groups not to spend too much time on any one problem. Tell them to proceed to the next problem if they can't think of a solution for one of them.

Daily Readings

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Buzz Group Reports (Step Four)

This is similar to step two. The object of this again is to discover as many solutions as possible. Once these solutions are brought to light the group can begin working on them and carrying out the suggestions. Therefore, take one problem at a time and have each "buzz group" secretly report the solution or answer his group proposes.

If you have time, it would be good to write each solution on the blackboard and then vote on which solution seems the best. However, if time is limited, have the answers read but request that the report of each secretary be submitted to the officers and the counselor. The officers can take further action on these proposals to improve the society.

Closing Moments (Step Five)

You might conclude the meeting by asking your counselor or pastor to give a 3-4 minute closing meditation. These "closing moments" could possibly follow this line of thinking.

There are several passages of Scripture that I feel we should consider very thoughtfully. Each of these deals with us personally, as we seek to improve our society.

The first verse is taken from I Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." This points out that our program should be planned and presented well.

Another verse found in Galatians 6 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, we faint not." This verse asks us to be faithful in leading a Christian life for we will be blessed if we do. But this verse can also help us to see that we will be blessed for doing our share in contributing to the welfare of our society.

Another passage, found in Hebrews 12:2 reads, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (RSV) We, like the Hebrews, also have people watching us, and if they are going to join us, we have to put aside sin and weakness in our society. If we could show other people an active, hard-running society, maybe they would be willing to run the race with us.

FOR REAL HELP in planning your society's program for this coming year, you need a copy of the 1957-58 Program Guide, Senior-Young People's Edition. Packed full of suggestions for program planning and activities, a supply of them could give your officers and leaders real assistance. Why not have some copies on hand to use with this topic? Order from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Only 30c a copy.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Christian Endeavor's Fall Line-Up

I Corinthians 14:40; Psalm 16:8



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 29

Comments by Frances M. Becker

Program Hints for the Meeting

1. Arrange for the meeting to have a warm atmosphere.
2. As members enter, the leader for the meeting may distribute small, home-made red or white (Christian Endeavor colors) or green or white (Intermediate Christian Endeavor colors) pennants, one to each member.
3. Teams are assigned responsibility for certain phases of the evening's program.
 - a. Red team could be responsible for the opening prayer, the offertory, the closing prayer, etc.
 - b. White team could be responsible for the sentence prayers, the announcements, etc.
4. The Scripture could take the form of a contest between the two teams, using as references for the daily readings given on this page. As the leader states the reference, the teams see who can find and read the Scripture verse first.
5. For a little relaxation, after the Scripture contest, the leader could teach the Christian Endeavor handclap to be given by the winning team. (1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2; 2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2; 1-2-3-4; 1-2-3-4; 1-2-3-4; 1)
6. Appropriate hymns: *Give of Your Best to the Master; I Would Be True; In the Voice of the King; O Jesus, I Have Promised; He Lives.*

How Teams Began

Ever since time began, men have banded together for some reason or other. It may have been for protection, for family life, for worship, for wickedness, for sports, or for business opportunities. But whether men teamed up to build an ark or a tower of Babel, whether they got together to flee from the Egyptians or to worship a golden calf, the fact remains that they felt the need for doing things together.

One of the worst horrors that could fall a man in Bible days was to be stricken with leprosy because it meant that he would be cast out from his family and village and forced to live an isolated and lonely existence. Men are not hermits by nature. They like to be with other people. The reasons for banding together are very important because they can make out of a team an instrument for good or a weapon for evil. We have but to turn the pages of history to discover groups that have gotten together to steal, to kill, to plunder, or to profit at the expense of others. Then we turn in our Bibles to Acts 4:1 and read, "And when they had gathered, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." How much better our world would be if more teams would get together to do the

OUR AIMS

1. To recognize Christian Endeavor as a team for Christian young people.
2. To encourage young people to look at their Christian Endeavor societies for the purpose of improvement.
3. To start out the fall season in Christian Endeavor with an understanding of the work to be done and the need for careful planning and preparation for society activities.
4. To encourage enthusiasm for Christian Endeavor.
5. To help young people see that Christian Endeavorers trust in Jesus Christ in whatever they do.

will of God and speak the word of God with boldness.

Not long ago a newspaper ran an article called "Muscular Christianity." It told of a group of Christian athletes who formed a team called the "Fellowship of Christian Athletes." This group of young sports heroes has been going around the United States, without pay, endorsing Christianity. And teen-agers listen when an athlete like Robin Roberts says, "In sports as well as in life things often become confused and we need help in straightening them out. Many times I've asked God to help me, not necessarily to win, but to guide me and to give me strength. And He always does."

The Christian Endeavor Team

Christian Endeavor is a team. It's an organization of Christian young people set up to win and train fellows and girls for Christ, so that they might be better followers of Him. With the motto, "For Christ and the Church," Christian Endeavor encourages these young people to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength and to strive to do whatever He would have them do. That builds up a team of Christian leaders with a high batting average, which can carry the ball for Christ in spite of worldly opposition.

How Does Your Team Rate?

Take a good look at your Christian Endeavor team. A good team knows where it's going. Slipshod activities spell defeat. Have you lined up your program for this year? Has your society gotten together in a planning session to decide what you're going to emphasize this year and what major activities you're going to schedule? Have those dates been cleared on the church calendar?

Scripture Portions

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Do your society officers know what is expected of each one of them for a smooth-running organization? Find out now, before the season is over and it is too late. How about your committee chairmen? Does each one know what the work of his committee is? Do the chairmen know that they have the responsibility for getting the committees to work? Do the committee members know the duties of the committee? Are your society meetings so good that more rooters will want to be on your Christian Endeavor team?

How does your society rate? Will it make the major league or all-American? Don't be discouraged if your score is low. Do something about it now. Many an unknown team has risen to fame with dedicated planning, hard work and prayer. And remember, you're "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

How's Your Team Spirit?

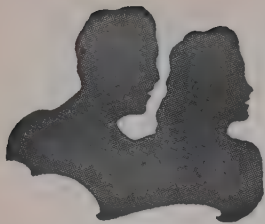
Enthusiasm is one of the most important ingredients in helping a team to win. A Christian has a great deal about which to be enthusiastic and Christian Endeavorers ought to root for their societies if they are well organized, with meetings well planned and members all working and trusting "for Christ and the Church."

When visitors come to your society they should feel your team cooperation. They should see that much preparation has gone into whatever you're doing. They should be able to sense your enthusiasm in wanting your team to be the best. If they do, they will want to be a part of your group. Welcome them to your society, make them feel at home, and give them some responsibility so that they feel that they belong.

Your team, your society, is what you make it. Don't blame anyone else for failures, but correct mistakes for a successful solution. Christ stands ready and willing to help all who call upon Him. But He needs our hearts, our hands, our heads. Our time, our talents, our enthusiasm, and our team spirit for a winning society. You can put your society on top.

If Your Team Needs Help

1. Send for a book of Christian Endeavor rules, called *Christian Endeavor Essentials*. (Order from International Society of Christian Endeavor. Price \$1.)
2. Read the book and discuss with your society ways of improving.
3. Set up a *Christian Endeavor Essential Course* with an experienced Christian Endeavorer as the teacher.
4. Invite an experienced Christian Endeavorer to come to talk to your society about successful ways of doing things in Christian Endeavor.
5. Have a five or ten minute pre-prayer service before each meeting, with anyone who wishes joining in, to ask the Lord's blessing upon the meeting.
6. Remember—anything worth doing for the Lord is worth doing well.



"In Remembrance of Me"

I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:14-20

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

To take that bread and cup and remember that we can by faith lean upon His breast and tell Him the secrets and weaknesses of our hearts and be filled with something of the fullness of God, bestowed upon us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Leader

This is world-wide Communion Sunday and you have been selected as the leader for this meeting. It would be helpful to consult your friends, who are members of other denominations, to discover how the Holy Communion service is conducted in their churches.

Perhaps you could secure a wall picture of the Last Supper and have someone acquainted with art explain the various details. Make a thorough study of the communion service in your own church. For any additional information consult your pastor.

Plan for an extra fine meeting. Give the room the necessary atmosphere for the consideration of such a topic. Present Christ in such a way that all will go forth attracted to Him.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Duet: *Were You There?*

Silent Meditation

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Scripture (assigned): I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:14-20

Hymn: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Prayer

Offering and Announcements

Leader's Presentation of the Topic

Speakers' Assignments

Leader's Summary

The Life Problem

Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*

Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

Fearful abuses had crept into the Corinthian church in the observance of the Lord's Supper. It was degraded to the level of a common meal. A full meal seems to have preceded the communion, called the love feast. It was a meal of fellowship. It seems to have originated from the paschal supper. However, there is historical intimation that among the Greeks there was some kind of a meal of fellowship. Some were rich and brought much; some were too poor to bring anything at all. When the warmth of first love flooded their hearts, the provisions were spread before all and rich and poor partook on a common level. But this gradually changed, and the rich excessively indulged in their abundant provisions while the poor were left hungry. Then, too, divisions were manifesting themselves. Party spirit began to manifest itself. Cliques and parties were formed. Thus Paul had to write very specifically about the Lord's Supper. We want to consider a few lines of thought;

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. What thoughts should occupy our minds and hearts when we are to partake of the Lord's Supper?

2. Is it proper and fitting for one to partake of these emblems if he entertains an unforgiving spirit towards one of the members of the church?

3. Paul instructs us to judge ourselves lest we be condemned with the world, but how does one go about judging himself? Are we lenient or severe with ourselves in this matter of judging?

4. Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." Recall the last communion service and try to remember the things you thought about Jesus Christ. Could you state them now? What should we remember?

5. What are your own personal feelings when you come away from the Lord's table?

1. *It was instituted by the Lord Himself.* In I Corinthians 11:23 Paul states that he received it from the Lord. He had the knowledge of this matter by revelation from Jesus Christ; and what he had received he communicated, without varying from the truth a little, without adding or diminishing. He gives us a more particular account of the institution than we meet with elsewhere.

2. *Its Design.* It was a memorial to the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, v. 24. Everything centers in the death of Jesus Christ. It is His death which makes possible the remission of sins. In fact, it is the very foundation of all vital relationship to God. He truly is the food of our souls, our minds, our wills, our hopes center in Him. Here we have a prophecy of Christ's coming again, v. 26. It is to be observed till He comes again. Thus the cross is linked to the throne of God. We shall drink it anew in the kingdom. Heaven will be a most real and enjoyable feast.

3. *It should be preceded by self-examination, v. 28.* Communicants should enter into a careful examination, not only as to their hearts and lives, but as to their apprehensions of the purpose of this institution. The man who tramples on the flag of his country, insults his country; and he who treats with indignity the representative of a sovereign, thereby offends the sovereign himself. In like manner, he who treats the symbols of Christ's body and blood irreverently is guilty of irreverence toward Christ.

Bible Meditations

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First Speaker

It is good to remind ourselves constantly of some things. For example, what were and what we may become, whose are, and whom we may serve. "Give me a great thought," said one, "that I may with it." He wanted a dying pillow would be soft and easy. Better far have a great thought by which to The Lord's Supper might well be called doctrine of perpetual recollection. It certainly a great thought for perpetual remembrance.

Second Speaker

The Lord's Supper is a memorial service. The design is to refresh our memories of the love of Christ and to bring more vividly to our recollection His sacrificial work that our love of Him may be increased and strengthened. The entire communion service increases our estimate of His finished work and impresses us with the importance of that death by which the ransomed

Third Speaker

"This do in remembrance of me." We feel that He is with us here and now, visible though real, unseen yet felt. "Spoke with spirit can meet; closer is He to breathing, and nearer than hands and feet. May love break down every barrier of time for us now, and may we see Him in Calvary for us to our great joy and comfort."

Leader's Climax

Keep in mind these words, "Ye do show the Lord's death." Every communicant becomes by the observance of this sacrament a silent but impressive preacher of Christ crucified.

Life Problem

Jim was a devoted Christian but refused to take communion because of those at the table who were not living a full and consecrated life. Was Jim wrong in looking at others? Was he wrong in refusing to commune with others he regarded as hypocrites? What should Jim have done?

Presentation of the Project

Have your society officers prepare a letter to be mailed out to all Christian Endeavor society members urging their wholehearted support at the Holy Communion service. Stress their sincere participation.

Illustration on the Topic

One of the holiest of the church's saints, Saint Bernard, was in the habit of constantly warning himself by the solemn query, "Bernard, for what purpose art thou here?" Self-examination could assume no more searching form. To examine did not mean a mere passing glance, but thorough searching. Examination must end in itself, but should end with the renewal of ourselves in the inward man. Examination is lost labor without amendment. Here is a good time to examine ourselves. It is a good time to consider Jesus Christ. He is our exalted Redeemer and glorious Saviour.

"In Remembrance of Me"

I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:14-20



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 6

Comments by Charles O. Heyward

Plan of the Meeting

1. To help young people better understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper.
2. To bring a richer meaning to Christian fellowship around the world as centered in the Person of Jesus Christ.
3. To increase the love for Christ among intermediates as they remember what He did for them on the cross.

For the Leader

This is a very important topic! Perhaps one of those in your society either have not taken part in a Communion service or have only begun to do so recently. Talk with your pastor about the topic. He will give you some helps for you to read, and will probably be glad to speak for four or five minutes at the close of the meeting. Let the atmosphere of the meeting be reverent without being stiff and formal. A possible advertising the meeting might include a picture of a plain cup (with no handle) and a plate of Jewish-type (unraised) bread. Be sure that each one who has a part in the meeting is prepared in advance with material, so that the discussion will be more meaningful.

Suggested Meeting Outline

- Prayer Service
- Scripture: *For God So Loved the World*
- Opening Scripture: I Peter 1:18,19
- Hymns: *The Old Rugged Cross*
I Am Thine, O Lord
- Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:14-20 (read by 2 members)
- Prayer Time. Sentence prayers for: Those who are absent, especially the sick; God's help and blessing in understanding the topic; our pastor, the missionaries; for greater love for Jesus as we consecrate our lives to Him anew this evening; other needs suggested by the counselor.
- Announcements by the president
- Prayer
- Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
- Leader's Introduction
- Discussion of Topic
- Consecration Service
- Prayer
- Reciting of Pledge together
- Roll Call, with each one answering with a verse of Scripture or testimony
- Consecration Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
- Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Today is known as World-Wide Communion Sunday, a day which helps to remind us that all who believe in Jesus Christ their Saviour—no matter what country they live in—are united together in their love for Christ as they take part in the Lord's Supper, or Communion, as it is often called. In that upper room nearly 2,000 years ago only 11 men were at the table with the Lord as He shared the bread and the cup with them, but today millions of His followers around the world can come to His table and fellowship with Him as

they partake of the bread and the cup. Whether they are in India or Mexico, in a large city church or a little country chapel, they are all one in Christ. In this meeting we want to discuss just what the Lord's Supper, or the Communion Service, which we have observed today should mean to us.

Talks

1. We can never know all that went through Jesus' mind as He went to the upper room with the disciples. He knew He was facing the terrible suffering of death on a cross, yet He was in complete command of the situation. Even before they came to the city, Jesus described to two of the disciples the man with a pitcher of water whom they were to follow to the house in which was the upper room, and Luke 22:13 tells us that "they went, and found as He had said unto them." Jesus is always in complete control and we can always count on everything He says. If we believe in Him as our personal Saviour, we can also trust Him for all that He tells us in His Word and all the promises He has made to us.

2. While Jesus lived on earth as a Man He observed all the Jewish laws and rites, one of which was the passover (read Exodus 12:26,27a). When God saw the blood of the lamb on the door of a Jewish home in Egypt He passed over that house and went only to the Egyptians' houses, which had no blood on the door, and took the life of the oldest child. The Lamb which God has provided for us is His Son, and if we believe in Him as our sacrifice for sins on the cross, then the blood He shed for us saves us from eternal death just as the blood of the lamb saved the Jewish first-born from death long ago. Christ and His disciples ate the passover meal just before He passed the bread and the cup to them in the upper room, as we have read in Luke 22:15. The Jews still observe the passover today in the same week as we observe Good Friday.

3. The "bread" used in a Communion service, whether it is like a cracker, a pastry, or common bread cut into squares, is a symbol of Christ's body which hung on the cross for us (Luke 22:19). When we eat that bit of bread in the Communion service we should feel as close to the Lord as if we were one of the disciples in that upper room long ago. If we have any sin that we have not confessed, we should confess it before taking part in the service, for it was because of sin that His body

had to hang on the cross. Every time we take part in the Lord's Supper we should thank the Lord Jesus that He allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross that we might be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life.

4. We read in Hebrews 9:22 that "without shedding of blood is no remission" or forgiveness. We do not know why God demands that blood be shed in order that sin be forgiven, but it has been so ever since Abel killed a lamb as an offering (Genesis 4:4). Finally God gave His own Son as a Lamb to be sacrificed for the sins of the whole world. Those who believe that His blood was shed on the cross for their sins receive forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus said, "This cup is the new testament (or covenant) in my blood, which is shed for you," so when we drink from the cup at the Communion service we should remember that He bled on the cross because of our sins. We need to thank Him not only with our lips but with our lives each day of the week, seeking to please Him in all that we do.

5. In I Corinthians 11:26 we have read that in the Lord's Supper we "do show the Lord's death till He come." We are not only reminded of His death but we are reminded that He is coming again. This is a wonderful promise mentioned many times in the Bible, but we are not told when He is coming. It says in I John 3:3 that everyone who hopes for His return purifies himself. Are our lives pure so that we shall be glad when He comes, or shall we be ashamed because we have not been living for Him?

6. The Lord's Supper is not a sacrifice. Our Roman Catholic friends tell us that when the priest says certain Latin words over the bread and the cup that they turn into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus, and that when the bread—or wafer—is eaten, Jesus is sacrificed all over again each time it is done. They call it "the sacrifice of the Mass." We know that Christ only needed to die once for our sins (Hebrews 9:28) and that we do not need to sacrifice Him all over again at each Communion service. He told us, "This do in remembrance of Me," and that is why we observe the Lord's Supper or Communion.

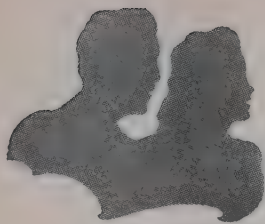
For Further Discussion

1. Why were there only 11 disciples with Jesus when He gave them the bread and the cup? (See John 13:21,28-30.)
2. How does the Communion service show that all Christians are one in Christ? (See I Corinthians 10:16,17; I Corinthians 12:12.)
3. Should one who does not know Jesus as his Saviour, or one who is not living close to Him, take part in the Communion? (See I Corinthians 11:27,28.)

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Looking at My Moral I. Q.

Romans 12:9-21

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas

Introduction

Today before any question or problem is dealt with it is necessary to have the facts so that a true, rather than an imagined, picture of the situation may be had. Usually these facts are secured through tests or questionnaires or surveys. Is a youngster capable of doing college work? Test his Intelligence Quotation. How is a certain TV show being received by the public? Find out its Trendex rating. How does the public feel about a certain candidate for public office? Conduct a Gallup Poll.

Such an approach is used to determine consumer reaction to advertising to discover how best to put across a particular product. This method is also applied to determine vocational interest and personality adjustment. Therefore, the question that arises: Is it possible also to measure one's moral strength and weakness so as to see whether one is a worthy disciple of Christ? The answer is, "Yes."

How

Just as in many of the cases above a standard must be devised in order to measure an individual's or a program's or a product's rating, so a standard must be applied to one's moral living in order to be able to evaluate it correctly. Do we have such a standard? The answer is: "We most certainly do." That standard is in the form of the person of Jesus Christ of whom we are told that in Him God was well-pleased.

As disciples of Jesus Christ we should grow daily into His likeness so that in all of our living we reflect His life more and more in every activity. Therefore, we ought to measure our honesty by His honesty, our trustworthiness by His trustworthiness, our fidelity to purity by His fidelity to purity, our truthfulness by His truthfulness. This we can do for every moral quality by coming to know Jesus intimately through the pages of the New Testament, especially the Gospels. So familiar should we become with Him that He becomes as real to us as our parents or our teachers or our companions. Then will we be able to measure and pass judgment with respect to every moral quality we possess.

What about the Results?

Like everybody else who has made this test honestly you will come forth from it far from satisfied with the result. It will be seen clearly how far you fall short of the full moral stature God intended you to attain. It will be seen how much room there is for improvement. If that is not the result, then self-righteousness is present, the very thing Jesus found to be so wrong with the vast majority of religious people in His day. Self-righteousness ever leads to hardening of the moral arteries and unless corrected ends in spiritual death.

THINGS TO DO

1. Take the Ten Commandments as found in Exodus 20:1-17 and compare them with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-7:29). Note especially the way Jesus treats and interprets them. On the basis of Jesus' treatment of them, draw up a chart of the moral qualities set forth as a test of your moral I. Q.

2. Taking Romans 12:9-21, list positively the "fruits of goodness" of the true disciple of Christ. What is the spirit out of which these qualities emerge? Use the resulting list as a check of your moral I. Q.

What Can Be Done

If there is in you a holy discontent as to your moral I. Q. after such a test, then you can do something about it and something can be done for you by Jesus Christ. Make Jesus Christ your daily companion by living more intimately with Him through the Gospels, through the conversation of prayer, through loyalty to His church and its activities, through fellowship with those who are striving to grow into His likeness, through service which puts into practice His teaching, through meeting the challenges that assail you with the determination never to disappoint Jesus, and through reading great devotional literature such as Brother Lawrence's *Practicing the Presence of God*, Thomas a Kempis' *Imitation of Christ*, William Law's *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, and John Baillie's *A Diary of Private Prayer*. As Paul correctly sums up the matter: "Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1).

Illustration

Upon coming home one evening a man and his wife soon realized that during their absence a thief had broken into their home because a window had been left open and a vase, which had been standing on a small table next to it, had been knocked off and was lying in pieces upon the floor. They began to investigate to see what had been taken. Coming into the living room they found a half-filled gunny sack sitting on the floor before the fireplace. This struck them as strange until they looked up. There on the mantelpiece stood a picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ." Evidently, the thief had left this room to the last and seeing this picture knew in a convicting way that what he was doing was morally wrong.

Bible Passages

M., Oct.	7. Sincerity.	I John 3:17,18.
T., Oct.	8. Doing Good.	Psalm 37:3-6.
W., Oct.	9. Kindness.	Ephesians 4:31,32.
T., Oct.	10. Humility.	I Peter 5:5,6.
F., Oct.	11. Peaceableness.	James 3:14-18.
S., Oct.	12. The Surrendered Life.	Romans 12:1,2.
Sun., Oct.	13. Topic—Looking at My Moral I.Q.	Romans 12:9-21.

Order of Worship

Antiphon

Leader: God is a Spirit; and they worship Him must worship in spirit truth.

Response: We will worship Thee, Lord.

Leader: God is light. If we walk in light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and with God.

Response: Grant us fellowship with Thee, O God.

Leader: God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him.

Response: We would dwell in Thee, O God.

Leader: God is ever present. In Him we live and move and have our being. Hymn: *O Worship the King*

Prayer: Our heavenly Father, we would always be conscious of Thy loving care and presence. We are glad that Thou art Father, and that we may have fellows with Thee. Grant that in this service may come close to Thee, and that we may always have a deep sense of Thy nearness. We are glad that we know about that God who first taught men to call Thee, "Our Father." With hearts open to Thee, unite in the prayer which He taught to His disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Sel. No. 4, or Romans 12:9-21

Prayer: Sentence prayers

Topic: Looking at My Moral I. Q.

Hymn: *Love Divine*

Prayer of Dedication: O God, cultivate within us the spirit of righteousness to build Thy Kingdom there. We would manifest the spirit of our Lord in every word and thought, and bring Thy message to our fellowmen. Make us pure within where no one can see. Keep us from the error of thinking that we have done our best when we have merely refrained from breaking the laws and have never been publicly condemned for unworthiness. Help us to keep faith with ourselves and to respect the value of our own personality. May we live as if Thy Son lived every minute of every day within us, and the radiance of our faces be the indication of the fires of hope and faith and love within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

HOW'S YOUR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR I.Q.? Have you had a study of Christian Endeavor Essentials in your society lately? Why not order copies of this book from International Society of Christian Endeavor for every member of your society or start a course for your Endeavorers. Ask an experienced leader to be your teacher. The cost of the books is only \$1.00 each. Be an intelligent Christian Endeavorer—know the Pledge, the motto, the cardinal principles, the work of the committees, etc. Study Christian Endeavor Essentials.

Count Me among Christians

Judges 6:1-8,28,29



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 13

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Hymn: *Follow, I Will Follow Thee*
Scripture: *Jesus Calls Us, Stand Up For Jesus*
to Worship
Scripture: Daniel 1:1-9
Prayer: Thank God for the Bible; for Jesus, our Saviour, perfect Example, and perfect Guide. Ask God to show us His way, and help us follow that way. (Ask two people in advance to lead)
Presentation and discussion
Prayer Period, closed by pianist playing softly *I Would Be True*, or by having someone sing it, unannounced
Christian Endeavor pledge, followed by benediction

Teacher: Jane is an active member of the Christian Endeavor society. Tom has moved into the community and become a member of the group. He has been elected one of the junior deacons of the church. An impressive installation service has been planned to take place Sunday night at the church service.

Jane, I see where there is going to be a swell movie in town Sunday night. How about leaving right after Christian Endeavor, and going with me to see it?

But Tom, I've never been to a movie Sunday. Sunday is the Lord's Day.

Shucks! There always has to be a best time, you know.

I suppose so, but my parents would not approve.

Oh, parents don't understand young people these days. You have to learn to think for yourself, Jane.

Couldn't we go some other night?

No, this is the last night. I guess you just don't want to go with me.

Yes, I do want to go with you, Tom, but I still feel we should go to church. You'll miss the installation.

They'll not miss me. I can be a good junior deacon without all the fuss. Come on, Jane. Just this once. There are plenty other times we can go to church, but this is the last night to see this movie.

Oh, all right, Tom. I'll go just this once.

Teacher: Do you think that Jane really ended herself at the movie? What do you think about her decision from the standpoint of the active member's pledge? What happened to her Christian influence over Tom?

for the Leader

Read over the entire lesson carefully. Think about the purposes of the meeting. Pray that God will use the meeting to accomplish these purposes. Assign parts early, and talk over the importance of the lesson with each one.

AIMS

1. To see that each one must purpose in his own heart that he will live for Christ.
2. To see that we must learn to say "No" to the things of the world.
3. To see that God will always help us when we take a stand against the evils of our time.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the saying, "God and one are a majority," mean?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say"?
3. How does the way we spend our leisure time indicate whether or not we want to be counted among Christians?
4. Why is the reason, "Everybody is doing it," not enough for the Christian?
5. How will making up our minds to be counted among Christians solve such problems as "to smoke or not to smoke," "to drink or not to drink," etc.?
6. Why should we always be ready to say "Yes" and "No" decisively in the matter of morals? What does the saying, "He who hesitates is lost," mean?
7. Is it enough to go with the Christian crowd, and not take your own stand for Christ?
8. Why is it important for every Christian Endeavor society to have a well-planned recreational program? Do you have one?
9. Why is the question, "What would Jesus have me do?" the safest one we can possibly follow in making our decisions?

Assign the Scripture to someone who will read it carefully, tell the story of verses 1-7 in his own words, then read verses 8-9, emphasizing the truths found there.

Ask those who do the skit to practice it a few times.

Be sure the Christian Endeavor wall pledge is hung where all can see it. For atmosphere you might have someone neatly print the following mottoes to be placed around the room: "I Choose Christ," "I Will Be Christian," "Stand Up and Be Counted," "Count Me among Christians."

To publicize the meeting, secure some plain 3x5 file cards. Draw large question marks on the left side of the cards. In the remaining space print the words, spacing them carefully: "Where Are You Counted? Come to C. E. to find the answer." Give time, place, and date of meeting. Give cards out to all Junior High young people on Sunday morning.

From the Book of Books

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| M., Oct. | 7. Choose Your Team. | Joshua 24:14,15. |
| T., Oct. | 8. No Neutrality. | Mark 9:40-42. |
| W., Oct. | 9. A Call to Decision. | Luke 17:13,15. |
| T., Oct. | 10. Who Is on the Lord's Side? | Exodus 32:26. |
| F., Oct. | 11. A Mutual Choice. | Deuteronomy 26:17-19. |
| S., Oct. | 12. Moses' Choice. | Hebrews 11:24-26. |
| Sun., Oct. 13. | Topic—Count Me among Christians. | Judges 6:1-8,28,29. |

Introducing the Topic

Our topic tonight is "Count Me among Christians." We might state it by saying "All who want to be counted among Christians step across the line," or, "Stand up and be counted," or, "I will be Christian." It is a very important and a very personal topic. It is personal because each one of us has to make up his mind where he wants to be counted, and it is important because the way we make up our minds affects our entire lives and the lives of our associates. We hope our discussion tonight will help each one make up his mind to be counted among Christians, and to take a more definite stand "For Christ and the Church."

Lesson Material

Someone has said, "The whole world stands aside to let that man pass who knows where he is going." Many people are just drifters, shifting from one job to another by circumstance. They never make a success of their lives because they do not set a purpose for themselves and set out to accomplish that purpose. Christ kept His purpose ever before Himself. He came into the world to give His life for our sins, and He was true to that purpose even though it took Him to the cross. (Satan presented three other purposes to Him.)

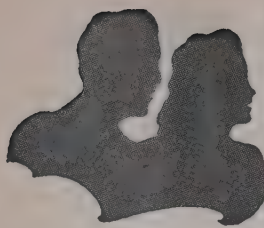
Christian Endeavor has a definite purpose. It is a *Christian* society. It is the training arm of the church, where young people may learn to love and serve Jesus Christ. Our motto is "For Christ and the Church." Our pledge says, "I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do." We pledge our personal allegiance to Him. This makes Christian Endeavor different from any other group.

The first basic principle of Christian Endeavor is *Confession of Christ*. One sentence of our pledge says, "Throughout my whole life I will endeavor to lead a Christian life." This not only means as long as I live, but also in every part of my life I will confess Him before men. (Tell how we may do this.)

The second principle of Christian Endeavor is *Loyalty to Christ*. It takes courage to always live up to our Christian ideals, but it is worth it in the joy and satisfaction that it brings. Christ will always help us when we *trust in Him for strength*. (Read Matt. 28:20b and I Cor. 10:13.)

The third principle of Christian Endeavor is *Service for Christ*. One way we show we want to be counted among Christians is by our service for Him. Every member should be on a committee and work hard at his job. One teen-age group had the slogan, "We always do what we're asked to do in Christian Endeavor." Why is that a good slogan? Is there any better way to learn to do things?

The fourth principle, *Fellowship with Christ's People*, helps us to be counted with the right crowd—the Christian crowd. (Explain why this is important for the Christian boy and girl today.)



Christian Youth Looks at the U. N.

Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:24-28; Isaiah 2:2-4

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by David Schattschneider

Aim of the Meeting

1. To see the work of the United Nations, a non-Christian organization, from a Christian viewpoint.

2. To see how we as Christian youth can lend active support to those U.N. activities which fulfill Christian ideals.

Helps for the Leader

1. Write to the U.N. information center at U.N. headquarters in New York City for information and literature.

2. Send for films, filmstrips, etc. on U. N. work which may be available. Discuss the work illustrated therein from a Christian standpoint.

3. If possible, have a foreign student from a country where the U.N. is active come and tell of the work that is being done in his homeland.

4. Advertise the meeting through colorful posters using U.N. flag and member flags.

United Nations Beginnings

From April 25 to June 26, 1945, a conference was held in the city of San Francisco. On the morning of June 26 the representatives of 51 nations affixed their signatures to the United Nations Charter.

The countries these men represented agreed "To maintain international peace and security . . . To develop friendly relations among nations, based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples . . . To achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character . . . To be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends." (The United Nations Charter, Article 1)

By October 24 of that year the Charter had been ratified by the required number of nations and the General Assembly met for the first time in London on January 10, 1946, and the Security Council met two days later. The United Nations occupied its present permanent headquarters in New York City during the summer of 1952.

In its organizational set-up the United Nations has organs for discussion which enable the member nations to thrash out their problems around a conference table, rather than on the battlefield. Other organs enable the member nations to discuss the numerous economic and social problems which plague all nations throughout the world.

From a Christian Viewpoint

In this topic we wish to look at the United Nations from the viewpoint of Christian young people. In doing so we much remember several fundamental facts about the United Nations. This organization is a world assembly composed of member nations from around the globe. It is not a Christian organization. There

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Opening Hymn: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Bible Readings: Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:24-28; Isaiah 2:2-4
Prayer (asking God's blessing upon the work and discussions of the U.N., realizing that only activities which have the blessing of Almighty God can move successfully forward)
Announcements
Offertory Hymn: He Leadeth Me
Offertory Prayer
Discussion of Topic
Question and Answer Period
Closing Hymn: Rise Up, O Men of God
Silent Meditation

is no mention of God in the United Nations Charter.

The "Meditation Room" in the U. N. headquarters building is furnished in simple decor with the lighting arranged to emphasize the bowl of flowers and the U. N. flag on the plain table at the front of the room. There are no physical symbols of any religion present in this room.

We must also remember that the delegates themselves may be Christian, Mohammedan, Buddhist, Hindu or a member of any one of a great number of minor sects found throughout the world, or the delegate may be a person who professes no religious creed at all.

Help from the Bible

We may say when we look at the constructive work the U. N. is doing, "Isn't this a manifestation of Christian ideals?" Before going any further let us think for a few moments on the Biblical references for this topic.

In Matthew 25:31-46 we have a parable on the Last Judgment. In Palestine the sheep are white and the goats are black, thus enabling the shepherd to tell them apart even at a great distance. So it shall be with the nations of the world at the Last Judgment. Those nations which have tried to follow moral principles in their internal and external policies will be as the sheep on the right hand of Christ. Those nations which have completely disregarded all moral principles in their affairs will be as the goats, cast out from the presence of Christ.

For the Quiet Hour

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Upon close examination we see that U.N. is giving the just and righteous all nations an opportunity to show love for their fellow men as this parable urges us to do.

In Acts 17:24-28 we read of the brotherhood of men under God. Paul men that God "... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all face of the earth. . ." (Acts 17:26a). These words are part of an explanation of Christianity which Paul was giving to the Athenians. In our world today it is the United Nations which is taking the lead in task of establishing the world brotherhood of man. The employees of the U.N., the secretaries and guards of the United Nations headquarters to the technical advisers in the field, are drawn from all nations. These international civil servants are working together to provide an efficiently organized organization for the spreading of this brotherhood.

In Isaiah 2:2-4 we read of the peace that is to come. Here in the stirring words of this great Old Testament prophet find the goal of the United Nations, "The nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4b).

This goal is one for which every Christian was working long before the United Nations was established. Often we do not agree with the political action taken by the U.N., but we can never dispute the Christian work being done by its economic and social divisions.

Therefore, as Christian young people we actively support this work with our interest and our sincere prayers. We can ask God's blessing upon discussion taking place at the U.N. and upon field work being done by the various agencies, as this organization moves ahead on an effective road to peace and tries to eliminate the social and economic problems in the world today.

Questions for Discussion

1. How does the consideration of the United Nations from a Christian viewpoint fit into the total Christian Endeavor program? (Consider Christian citizenship phases. See A Vital Program for Youth.)

2. If you were a delegate to the U.N. as a Christian what would be your thinking regarding the question of membership for Red China? (Consider that Red China controls the vast majority of the people and is the factual government of the land also that her actions do not indicate peace-loving nation.)

3. Do you think it is worthwhile to pour funds into the U.N.? State specific areas where the U.N. is carrying on programs of economic and social improvement.

4. Do you think it would have been better for all the Christian nations of the world to have formed a coalition, rather than to have participated in the present U.N. set-up?

Christian Youth Looks at the U. N.

Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:24-28; Isaiah 2:2-4



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 20

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Your Meeting

Secure the following pamphlets for back-and material and for the use of others will take part in the discussion:

The United Nations: Facts and Fallacies.

Write to the Church Peace Union, East 64th Street, New York City.

The Churches and the United Nations.

Walter Van Kirk. 15 cents. Write to

National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth

Avenue, New York 10.

What's the U.N. to Us? By Beatrice

Abbott. 10 cents. Write to Carrie Chapman

Memorial Fund, Inc., 461 Fourth Ave-

Room 810, New York 16, New York.

Get a Play

Secure *United Nations Plays and Pro-*

grams. By Aileen Fisher and Olive Rabe.

London: Plays, Inc. 285 pages. \$3.50.

If you are looking for a good program

play, then just open the pages of *United*

Nations Plays and Programs. It is filled with

group readings, playlets, songs, recita-

tions, prayers, and toasts for young people.

United Nations Plays and Programs is de-

signed for youth who want to know more

about the U.N.'s endeavor for world friend-

ship and peace. It can bring the U.N. to

life in any surrounding for any youth group.

This Is the Challenge is a film showing

the United Nations in action in its effort

to promote peace. Many Christian Endeav-

ers in the eastern part of the country have

made visits to the U.N. headquarters. This

may be useful to other groups for get-

ting an idea of the workings of this or-

ganization, of the hopeful signs for peace,

for understanding the "good" of the

United Nations. Rent from Department of Public In-

formation, United Nations, New York City,

\$2.50.

Poster Idea

In your school you can find a copy of

the U.N. flag. Draw this on a piece of

board. At the side of the flag place a

U. On the other side place a big N.

Under the words: U and I need to know about

the problems of the World. Come to C.E. to-

gether to talk over U.N.

U.N.'s Purpose

The purpose of the United Nations which

started in 1945 is to give the nations

of the world an opportunity to find the solu-

tion of their problems together instead of

using the "power over" method, which is

the General Assembly with its 81 mem-

bers is developing the basis for peace

by helping the nations to get a common

view of what is right and wrong and to de-

velop ways to overcome the wrong. Through

unions public opinion is being formed,

which is stronger than armies. Six member

nations with a population of six hundred

million people have gotten their freedom—

India, Pakistan, Burma, the Philippines, In-

donesia, and Israel. The threat of war has

been overcome in Iran, Greece, Kashmir,

OUR AIMS

1. To get a proper appreciation of the U.N. organization.

2. To see how U.N. is raising the standards of people's living in many places around the world.

3. To understand how U.N. is a hope for peace in the world.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is war futile?

2. Who are some heroes of peace?

3. Why do people want peace?

4. Why are rulers of the nations often war-minded?

5. What are some of mankind's greatest hindrances to having the "good life"?

6. Is it possible to have peace in the world without Christ in the hearts of men?

7. Why should Christian Endeavorers be acquainted with what the U.N. is doing?

8. What can Christian youth do to help the U.N. take and keep a Christian outlook on all matters?

9. How are U a vital part of U.N.?

and the Near East.

Through the many agencies of the United Nations, peoples of the world are being helped to live better. At Patzcuaro in Mexico there is a school established by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) to help the Indians improve their living conditions. A man from WHO (World Health Organization) taught the Indians to drink pure water by helping them dig a well. A lady showed the women how to roll their dough for bread on a table instead of the dirt floor. A man from FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization) showed the farmers how to plant, fertilize, and cultivate their corn. Others are teaching the Indians to read and write.

Fifty million children in varied nations have been vaccinated in anti-tuberculosis campaigns. Milk has been supplied to five million children, clothing to six million children.

Aid to Peace

We know how the U.N. has aided in averting war in this past year between Egypt and Israel, and between Moslem and Christians.

"The United Nations is the world's greatest hope for peace." Our youth must, in the words of President Eisenhower, "leave no stone unturned in their work for peace. They should reject no method, however

novel, that holds out any hope, however faint, for a just and lasting peace."

As Christians, we recognize our concern for all of God's children, wherever they may live. We believe that they were created by God and that they are held within the embrace of God's loving purpose. At the same time we speak also as citizens of a particular nation. Our insights are conditioned to a large extent by the kind of society in which we live. We recognize, then, that we need the insights and concerns of other peoples to correct our limitations and prejudices as members of one nation. We further acknowledge that our decisions stand before the judgment of God.

Christian Faith Is Essential

Only the Christian faith has the moral and spiritual power to bridge our present national barriers and unify the nations of the world. As Christian youth and the United Nations grow up together, looking to God for the needed guidance and power, they will together usher in a brighter and better tomorrow.

About the U.N. and You

CONCERN, a Methodist youth publication, says this:

"The U.N. remains just N. without U. Eleven men who meet in a gridiron huddle to talk and then go out to run their own separate plays would be eleven men playing football of a sort.

"But they would not be a team! Nations who get their representatives together, seat them all in the same room, give them interpreters and let them talk, may play at being united. But if they just check signals together, then come out of the huddle to run the plays each decides on separately, they would not be a team either!

"Nations have to be united in order to be united nations.

"They have to be a team. But to be a team, to be united, they must all be playing the same game. They must know what the rules are. They must know what the goal is. They must know how they can work best together. Then each player must decide that he will take his team assignment, play his part.

"America can't play France's part or Russia's position. We can only play ours.

"That is why U. are essential to the U. N. But do you know what the game is? Do you know what the U.N. is trying to do? Do you know what problems it faces, what problems the human race faces together? Do you know what proposals are being made in the huddle as to how we can play the game together? Then how can you play your position if you don't? How can an uninformed America throw its weight into pushing across a touchdown when it doesn't even know where the ball is or who has it?

"You, and millions of other Americans (but none of them for you) can take the first biggest step toward putting the united in the United Nations by simply becoming informed and interested in what the U.N. is and does."

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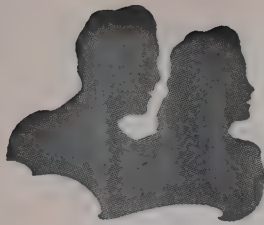
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Free to Do What?

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Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Our Aim

We must distinguish between the voice of the crowd and the voice of God. Today we must be true to our inward convictions. Our supreme aim should be to be free to do the known will of God.

For the Leader

Today we observe the Festival of the Reformation. The uniform lesson for this Sunday is on temperance. Naturally both topics have to do with freedom. It would be a good opportunity for the leader to do some reading on the Reformation period.

Have your pastor say something about the Reformation doctrine of justification by faith. The natural man is more interested in freedom to sin than in freedom from sin, in justification for sin than in justification from sin. This topic ought to stir interest and discussion. Prepare well for this meeting.

Publicity

Try to secure a wall picture of Martin Luther which can be placed on a table around which you can arrange the publicity for this service. Line up the topic in huge letters for poster work. Mail out cards with the topic in bold type and add this line, "You are not free to miss this meeting. You have an obligation to perform. Come!"

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to worship: "Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal home."

Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Scripture: Romans 8:1-8

Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Prayer Time (Requests for prayer)

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

Leader's Presentation

Speakers' Assignments

Life Problem

General Discussion (questions and answers)

Quiet Time (Pray for next service)

Hymn: *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

Preparation for the Leader

Our topic for consideration is, "Free to Do What?" When we focus our attention upon the Reformation movement, and the field of temperance, we can fittingly ask ourselves, "Free to Do What?" We are admonished to be temperate in all things.

When we think of a temperance lesson we immediately think of the liquor industry. The Christian cannot say, "I can do as I please." This attitude on the part of the child of God could lead to ruin. If this path is followed the child of God could lose his testimony and cripple himself in the service of the Lord. We are not free to do what we please.

Just in passing let's take a look at the new approach on the part of the liquor industry. The liquor industry plans to

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Since Christ has made us free, are we free to do what we please?

2. How does one take advantage of his Christian liberty? What do you think Paul meant when he wrote, "Use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh."

3. What are some of the distinguishing marks of one walking in the Spirit?

4. If you were writing this topic, list several points that you would stress.

5. What good followed in the path of the Reformation period? (Missionary zeal, generosity, universal education)

launch a "therapeutic" advertising campaign. They will advertise liquor as a therapy for old folks, claiming that it keeps them spry and alert. The executives of the industry believe it will boost consumption among adults over 40 enormously.

The voice of the crowd will cry, "Try it, see for yourself, be spry and alert." The voice of God will cry out, "Away with it, touch it not, keep thyself free from the terrible curse." We must make the decision.

Since this is Reformation Sunday it would be good to take a look at the giant of the Reformation, Martin Luther. He was born November 10, 1483, at Eisleben. His parents were in humble circumstances. He was educated at the university of Erfurt, where he came in contact with several young humanists but was not attracted by their frivolous manner of life. He entered the monastery and in 1507 was ordained a priest.

It was while in the city of the popes and in the performance of the supposedly meritorious act of penance, the climbing of the 28 steps of the Scala Santa, that his studies in the Bible and his past meditations on the subject of salvation were focused in a vivid impression that the external penance in which he was engaged was unavailing as a means of justification before God. He seemed to realize the Scripture, "The just shall live by faith." He nailed on the gate of the Castle Church at Wittenberg 95 theses or propositions, in which he denounced the papal teaching and proclaimed the Bible teaching on the subject of forgiveness of sin.

Time went on, and Martin Luther was summoned to appear before the Diet of Worms. Here he spoke those memorable words, "I can and will retract nothing, for it is neither safe nor expedient to act

against conscience. Here I stand; I do no otherwise; God help me! An Luther was excommunicated by the church and outlawed by the state, and so began the Reformation period.

First Speaker

The Reformation period was notable for missionary zeal and generosity, for improvement of living conditions; for wonderful discoveries and inventions, for universal education, and for the development of democratic ideals.

Second Speaker

The most valuable thing in the world is the human brain and the worst enemy of the brain and modern society is beverage alcohol. We must take our stand as followers of Jesus Christ.

Third Speaker

We must be true to God. He shall always be put before everything else. The Word of God will tell us what God requires of us, and His Spirit will enable us to perform it. If we are true to God first of all, we shall also learn to be true in all other matters.

Leader's Climax

We must be true to ourselves. In instructions to his son in the faith, Timothy, the apostle Paul has a number of things to say about responsibility to oneself. It is all included in the words, "Thou shalt love thyself." It means to watch guard one's life very carefully under the direction of the Spirit of God and in accordance with the Word of God.

We are free to study the Word of God in order to make our lives strong and pure for Christ and His church. We are free to witness for the Son of God and direct others to follow in His path. We are free to worship in the sanctuary of our choice. We are free to invest all that we have in the service of Jesus Christ.

Life Problem

Helen is a member of a Sunday school class whose teacher denies the great truth of the Word of God. He laughs at the new birth and states that all we need to do is be kind one to another and heaven will be ours. Helen is staying in the class for she feels she has before her a missionary field. What do you think Helen should do?

Presentation of the Project

Plan now to conduct a Thanksgiving service or breakfast sponsored by the Christian Endeavor society. Try to arrange for a showing of the sound film "Martin Luther."

Illustration on the Topic

The story of Esther and her faithfulness is quite familiar. It was an example of loyalty to her own people, but it also a forth loyalty to duty. She did her duty and God granted her request. She could have refrained from speaking, but she was free to speak and she did so. To tell the story more fully and clearly read the account in the book of Esther.

From God's Book

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T., Oct. 22.	Free from the Flesh.	Romans 8:12-15.
W., Oct. 23.	Consider the Weak.	Romans 14:15-21.
T., Oct. 24.	Warning against Worldliness.	I John 2:14b-17.
F., Oct. 25.	Separation from Evil Associates.	I Corinthians 15:6:14-18.
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Intermediate (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 27

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong

as for the Meeting

The leader ought to spend some time thinking about the words, "freedom" and "liberty." Several of the members of the study might be asked to consider, (1) How much freedom do I have on the way? (2) How much freedom do I have in my country? (3) How much freedom do I have at school? (4) How much freedom do I have when I play basketball, ball, or any other sports? (5) Is there another method of approach might be a debate or discussion on the subject, solved: That every Christian has the right to do as he pleases."

roducing the Topic

Three approaches are suggested for studying the topic. Use whichever approach fits your situation.

(1) This week as Christians we shall be observing Reformation Day. As Protestants we are glad for the opportunity to live in countries where we have freedom to worship God according to that which we believe is the clear teaching of the Bible. The church in 1516 was far away from the truth. The lives of many of the leaders of the church were corrupt. The teachings of the Bible were hidden behind rituals and orders of service. The Bible itself was almost an unknown book. It took a lot of courage for men such as Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin and others to say to that church, "We are not of churchly ties and decrees when they are against our conscience and understanding of God's Word." One of the great principles of Protestantism is freedom to interpret the Bible without pressures of organized religion.

(2) The Sunday school lesson, for those who use the International Uniform Lesson, is on temperance. Many Christians are quite indifferent to this subject. What does temperance mean? The Bible advises Christians to temperance or moderation in all things. When a Christian is temperate, does this mean that he can eat a little? A great many Christians mean abstinence when they talk of temperance. This, of course, brings us directly before the problem of Christian freedom. Are we free, in the matter of drinking, smoking, and so on to do as we please as long as we are personally convinced we are right?

(3) Are we, any of us, really free? Does freedom mean you are free to do as you please? As a conscientious citizen you are free to travel sixty in a thirty mile zone. If you do, you will lose your privilege to be a (freedom) soon enough. As a law-abiding citizen you are not free to shoot your neighbor's dog, even if you do not like him. A scientist is not free to put anything together to produce water. Only God makes water. So our freedom is necessarily restricted.

OUR AIMS

1. To understand the true meaning of "freedom."
2. To see that the truest freedom is "in Christ."
3. To understand our "freedom" in our relation to others.

QUESTIONS

1. What do you mean by "worldliness"? What does this have to do with Christian freedom?
2. Discuss such matters as smoking, drinking, movies and TV in the light of Christian freedom.
3. How far must I carry my concern for others? Some Christians are offended by smoking, some by drinking, some by cosmetics, some by "short hair," some by "bobby socks."
4. When am I free from parental authority? from their advice?
5. What does one gain by a strict life? Am I, if I am more strict, better than other Christians?

The Christian Is Free

Read Galatians 5:1 in the King James Version. One of the most interesting of the more recent translations of the Bible for young people is that of J. B. Phillips. In his translation, *Letters to Young Churches*, Galatians 5:1 reads as follows: "Plant your feet firmly therefore within the freedom that Christ has won for us, and do not let yourselves be caught again in the shackles of slavery." It is plain that the Christian has been freed from something that binds others. It is important to know this. Only a Christian has the right to claim true freedom. It is a good thing to ask, "What binds us?"

(1) Have someone read Romans 3:10 and 23. We are bound by sin. No one in all the world is free from this inward desire to do his own will and not God's. Sin binds everyone. Rich and poor, high and low, slave or free, all are bound by sin.

(2) Have someone read Romans 6:23. We are bound by the fear of death. Death is called the "wages of sin." It is something the sinner earns. Death can be a real enemy unless we have learned to conquer it.

(3) Have someone read Ephesians 6:12; John 15:19; and Galatians 5:17. We are bound by our old enemies—the devil who tempts us; the world that wants us to serve man, not God; and our own weak self.

Isn't it wonderful that Jesus Christ makes

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us all free from these enemies, these bonds and chains? He has forgiven us our sins and taken them all away (I John 1:9). He has conquered death and taken its fear away (I Corinthians 15:57; Revelation 1:17,18). He overcomes the world and gives us complete victory over Satan (John 16:33; Revelation 12:10). We are now free, free to do as Jesus wills! We are bound to Him! Our truest freedom is in obedience to Jesus. Our will is to do His will.

"Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword,
And I shall conquer be."

—George Matheson

The Christian and His Freedom

We have talked together about our Christian freedom. We have suggested that we are free to do the will of God as revealed in Jesus. How can we discover the will of God?

(1) Read your Bible prayerfully. God's will is often made very clear to us in this way. Be careful, though, never to use the Bible as a kind of ouija board.

(2) Pray earnestly for guidance. Sincerely ask God to help you. The length of time we pray or the words we use are secondary to our real desire to know the will of God.

(3) Ask your parents for advice and follow it. They have lived a lot longer than we have and have learned from bitter experience many facts that they try to help us learn more easily.

(4) Ask your pastor, Sunday school teacher or Christian Endeavor counselor for advice. All are ready and anxious to help you.

Suppose now that we have found the answer for our own personal lives. Does anything stop us from doing what we earnestly believe we may?

Read Galatians 5:13 and I Corinthians 8:9 in the King James Version.

The Bible reminds us that as Christians we never live alone. We are always witnessing for others whether we know it or not. This witness may be good or bad. The Bible reminds us that we are examples to others. Younger brothers or sisters, younger members of the church are watching to see what we will do. We must be willing to sacrifice for the sake of others. Jesus spoke of a new commandment, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another" (John 13:34). In trying to measure our freedom we must measure it by this test also: Will it cause another to stumble? Christians are responsible for their fellow men and especially for fellow Christians.

Suggestions for Worship

The following hymns are appropriate: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master, Take My Life, and Let it Be, O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*. It would be helpful if someone would sing, *Make Me a Captive, Lord*, G. Matheson. An excellent Scripture lesson is I Corinthians 8.



"Maybe there ain't no God!"

Can you honestly blame little Cathy for feeling the way she does?

SHE'S never known any world but a dirty, crowded slum. Her home is a fire-trap of dingy rooms and sour smells. Her bedroom is an alcove off the narrow kitchen, with a burlap curtain for a door. Her playground is a garbage-strewn alley. She's often hungry, and frequently sick. Can you truthfully expect her to understand that man's inhumanity — not God — is responsible for her plight?

For this little girl and others like her, the worst time is the summer, when the heat is stifling — and the still, dead air is heavy with the stench of the slums.

But only thirty miles away there is a happy vacation refuge for little Cathy and other children of the slums. High on a hill stands Mont Lawn, with acres of green lawns and shady trees, ready to welcome hundreds of poor boys and girls for two glorious weeks of escape.

Yes, Cathy — at Mont Lawn you will discover that there is a brighter world — where there is decency, kindness and love. Where the air is fresh and clean. Where children romp in the great outdoors; hike through cool, quiet woods; splash in a beautiful modern pool.

And Cathy, you won't go hungry. You'll sit down to three wholesome meals a day. Then, when darkness falls, you'll sleep peacefully in your bed between cool, clean sheets.

Perhaps at Mont Lawn, Cathy, you will learn to smile again. Those sad, young-old eyes will light up with pleasure — and roses will bloom in those pale, pale cheeks. Most of all, you may come to know that there is a God, because you will hear and feel the truth of His Word, as you listen and learn to pray at the interdenominational chapel services.

Many children like Cathy are waiting to go to Mont Lawn. It will be possible, won't it? It costs so little to give Cathy her vacation — and your dollars can mean so much to her health and happiness! Help her find God — to comfort her in her trials, to guide her to a good and useful life.

But your help must come quickly, for time is short. Arrangements must be made at once for those we can accommodate at Mont Lawn this summer. Even the smallest contribution will help. Please send what you can now.

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Topics for SEPTEMBER

1. Places Where Jesus Went. Luke 4:16-31.
8. "This Is My Father's World." Psalm 8:3-9.
15. Trusting. Proverbs 3:5,6.
22. Promising. Psalm 61.
29. Striving. Philippians 3:13,14.

Topics for OCTOBER

6. Japan and Its People. Ephesians 4:31,32.
13. Japan and Christianity. Matthew 28:19.
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